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## Pencoed schools' Eco teams hit the beach!

THE Eco team at Pencoed Comprehensive recently visited Pencoed Primary's Eco team, to kick-start what is hoped will be a long-lasting and rewarding collaboration.

Mr Pownall, head of geography at the comprehensive, said his pupils can learn a lot from years 5 and 6 pupils at the primary.

"It is at primary school age that the raw ideas develop to make significant changes to the way a school can operate more sustainably.

"The transition from years 6 to 7 is a busy time and the good work that the younger pupils have done in primary can be overlooked when they arrive in year-7," he said.

The first collaborative activity was a recent beach clean at Ogmores Beach (right). The schools were met by Tim Wort from Keep Wales Tidy.

"It was a very enjoyable and successful project, with numerous locals approaching the pupils and staff and commending them on their hard work and 'green' attitudes, a spokesperson reported.

"Thank you to Mr Lambert and Mrs King from Pencoed Primary for agreeing to this exciting partnership. We are currently planning our next joint venture!"



## OGMORE MP HUW HOPES TO SWAP WESTMINSTER FOR CARDIFF BAY

OGMORE MP Huw Irranca-Davies hopes to transfer to the Welsh Assembly, after confirming that he will put his name forward as a candidate to succeed Janice Gregory as AM for the same constituency.

His statement followed Mrs Gregory's weekend announcement that she is to stand down at the next Assembly election in May.

Janice Gregory, has represented Ogmores

since the first Assembly in 1999 and is Labour's Chief Whip. At the last election in 2011, she won the seat with a 9,576 majority – the largest in Wales.

She told her constituency party members of her decision at a meeting last Saturday (October 10).

She said: "It has been a privilege to be the Labour AM for Ogmores since the Assembly was formed. It is a fantastic constituency, with wonderful people and it has been a joy to be their representative.

"I was proud to be a member of the First Assembly and I am proud of the progress

the institution has made since then in so many areas, to improve the lives of the people of Wales.

"It has been a difficult decision to take, because I have loved every minute of working for my constituents and making so many friends.

"But I suffered an injury in 2013 and I now wish to spend more time with my family, including my three precious grandchildren, and taking on whatever new challenges that come my way.

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## Who wants to build what and where?

Mr R Davies – Ty Risca, Derllwyn Road, Tondy – Fell cherry tree to front garden and replace with new tree in a more suitable position.

Mrs R Wyatt – 10 Cefn Nant, Pencoe – Ten per cent side pruning of ash tree.

Specsavers – 59 John Street, Porthcawl – Install new section of shop front to John Street and five air conditioning condenser units to rear elevation.

Mr J Thomas – 34 Cae Canol, Nottage, Porthcawl – Single storey rear extension to rear to extend kitchen/family room and provide roof terrace on flat roof area.

Mr S Middleton – Plot 10, north of Abergarw Farm site, Brynmenyn – Reserved matters to P/14/742/OUT for one dwelling.

Mr V S Hughes – Plot 20, North of Abergarw Farm site, Brynmenyn – Reserved matters to P/14/742 for one dwelling at Plot 20.

Miss Lucy Pottinger – 4 Glyn y Parc, Bridgend – Two storey rear extension.

Mr P Sutherland – Land to side of 6 Bedw Arian, Llangewydd Court, Bridgend – New three-bedroom dwelling with parking.

Care Direct Wales Ltd – Unit 5, Heol Ty Gwyn Industrial Estate, Maesteg – Add a launderette use to the existing warehouse/distribution (B8) use of the unit.

Mr David Lloyd Jones – St Theodores Church, High Street, Kenfig Hill – Demolish entrance porch and erect single storey extension for meeting rooms, toilet, kitchen and resurface car park.

Sirius S B C Renewables – Stormy West landfill site, Stormy Down – Non material amendment to P/15/312/FUL, redesign of microwave mast and confirmation of location.

Mrs G A Young – Next to 14 Blundell Avenue, Porthcawl – One dwelling.

Mr Anthony Smith – 16 High Street, Ogmere Vale – Change use of basement store into a self contained flat and associated fenestration

alterations. New commercial unit. New dwelling.

Northwood and WEPA – Bridgend Paper Mills, Llangynydd – Construction of piled slab and portal frame building to house replacement filtration plant.

Mr Graham Jones – 24 Jenkin Street, Bridgend – New triple garage to rear.

Mr S Tanti – Land north of 5 Small Holdings, Coity – Change of use to classic car restoration.

Mr Meirion Cawdery – 78 Beach Road, Newton – Regularise alterations to consent P/15/77/FUL including a 20cm increase in height.

Sisters of Poor Clare – St Clares Convent, Clevis Lane, Porthcawl – Demolition of St Clares Convent and redevelopment site for residential use.

H3G UK Ltd – Telecoms mast rear of Police Station, John Street, Porthcawl – Remove 15mm monopole and cabinet and install 14.7m monopole with cabinet at base and a pogona cabinet.

Mr and Mrs M Cadogan – Garden of 1 Heol Gadlys, Litchard – Erection of one dwelling.

Mr Rhys Jones – The Maltings, 2 Treos Road, Coychurch – Single storey rear extension, first floor extension and side garage.

BCBC Property Department – Aber Infants School, Fern Street, Ogmere Vale – Timber framed and timber clad bat house.

Mr Mathew Hooper – 1 The Parc, Priory Avenue, Bridgend – Front gable and dormer extension.

Mr P Steady – 3 Penybryn Road, Brynmenyn – Double garage and bike store.

Mr and Mrs Stephens – 5 Wyndham Crescent, Bridgend – Single and double storey side and rear extension.

## LOCAL SHOPKEEPERS RALLY TO MACMILLAN



LOCAL shopkeepers at Pencoe near Bridgend donated cakes for a 'Macmillan coffee morning which raised £253.

It was organised by April Complete Care Solutions.

"Thank you to our busy bakers: Maggie Jones, Rebecca Taylor (Rebecca's mother-in-law), Mrs Gough, Yvette Szulc, Clare Pullinger, Gill Harrington and also Mrs George's family members," a spokesperson said.

## INDIAN SUMMER MEANS THAT THE BEES ARE STILL ON THE GO!

### NEWS FROM THE FONMON APIARY

AS I have pointed out previously, it is the weather that dominates much of a colony's activity.

Many new beekeepers will no doubt have studied their books and will have read that Varroa treatments and feeding will all have been completed by now and the colonies will be settling down ready to face the coming winter.

However, the present mild conditions mean that colonies are still very active, brood is still much in evidence. Foragers are coming and going as if we were in the middle of summer.

The warm sunny days and the fact that there is still some forage out there for the bees is the reason for all this activity. Stores within the hive are a must if the bees are to meet their daily energy requirements.

I have been feeding colonies for some time now and as fast as the feed goes on, it is taken down overnight. Will I go on feeding? Yes I will, just as long as I have colonies that I judge do require it and,

of course, the mild conditions allow the bees to process the liquid feed that I am supplying.

Once the temperature drops below 9/10 degrees centigrade on a regular basis, colony activity will slow down and we can assume that winter is beginning to take hold.

Trying to feed a colony then will be a waste of time. The bees will not be able to, or be inclined to process any foodstuffs that are offered.

It has certainly been a season of variety! Swarming has occurred, new Queens as a result of the swarming have not been successfully mated and if you have not had access to a mated Queen as a replacement, the uniting with a colony that is functioning is an option (assuming you know how to do it).

The lack of equipment on the part of several beekeepers has limited their options and colony loss has been the end result. Wasps have certainly shown up this year and colony loss has occurred due to their activities.

However, the beekeeper must persevere and as ever be optimistic about the new season to come. The preservation of the bees, and indeed all insects, is of serious concern for our welfare.

I have read and do realise that humans as a species have the ability to change the planet and we are doing it. Just consider for a moment, when was the last time you had to spend time cleaning dead insects from the bodywork of your car!

HAROLD WILLIAMS

### POETRY NIGHT

The final event of writer and artist from Penned on the Bont for Bridgend. He writes an online journal for the Kristian Evans and environmental charity Blackwood's Clare Sustainable Wales. His first pamphlet, 'Unleaving, is published this month by Happenstance Press.

There will also be an open mic during both halves tonight, Thursday, October 15 at 7.30pm in Carnegie House (Old Library), Windham Street, Bridgend. Then an evening of poetry and spoken word that celebrates writers from Bridgend and beyond, hosted by poet Rhian Edwards. Spilling Histories and A Certain Darkness.

Kristian Evans is a

## School meals meet highest healthy eating standards

IT'S official – school dinners in Bridgend county borough are among the healthiest in Wales, with meals in both primary and secondary schools meeting the highest healthy eating regulations, BCBC has reported.

It is the first local authority in Wales this year to be awarded a 'certificate of compliance' from the WLGA after it demonstrated that the food and drink it serves up in six secondary schools is packed full of the required nutrients to comply with The Healthy Eating in Schools (Nutritional Standards and Requirements) Wales Regulations 2013.

The council has also picked up the same recognition for its meals in primary schools.

Coun Huw David, the Deputy Leader of Bridgend county borough council, said: "It has been proven that eating a healthy, good quality school dinner is extremely beneficial for pupils as it helps them to concentrate and focus better in lessons.

"So it is great to hear that our school meals contain the nutrients needed to give hungry pupils all the energy they need for a busy school day.

"A tremendous amount of complex work has been provided by the cooks and analysed by the catering team to be able to achieve this, and I would like to thank them for their hard work."

BCBC's catering team supplies meals in all local secondary schools apart from Porthcawl, Maesteg, and Pencoe comprehensive schools.

## Frock swap for charity!

CHARITY Sustainable Wales, is organising an autumn frock swap, offering another chance to update the wardrobe, live more sustainably and save cash.

"Select items that you no longer wear, don't fit or are not your, but ones you think others will value. Give those clothes or accessories an extended life and swap for others of a similar value," said director Margaret Minihinnick.

"According to

researchers, the average household owns a staggering £4,000 worth of clothes, 30 per cent of which languishes unworn. "It's also a very enjoyable and social event. Bring only good quality clothes, accessories and jewellery (donations welcome in advance), she added.

The event takes place on Thursday, October 22, starting at 7.30pm in The Green Room (above SUSSED, James Street, Porthcawl) £3 entry.

For more information, telephone 01656 783962

### HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL OCTOBER 22)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
15 Thur	08.28	9.8	20.41	9.6
16 Fri	08.58	9.5	21.12	9.4
17 Sat	09.29	9.3	21.42	9.3
18 Sun	10.01	9.1	22.19	9.0
19 Mon	10.41	8.9	22.59	8.5
20 Tues	11.31	8.4	23.59	8.1
21 Wed			12.42	8.1
22 Thur	01.19	7.9	14.04	8.0

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## 'Best breakfast' days will support dedicated carers

BRIDGEND Carers Centre will be cooking up a storm on Thursday, October 15 and Friday, October 16 as it helps raise money to support unpaid carers in Bridgend by taking part in 'Britain's Best Breakfast'.

Britain's Best Breakfast is a national fundraising campaign hosted by Carers Trust, the largest charity for unpaid carers. The campaign will help raise money to support unpaid carers and give them a break from their caring role, to encourage people to wake up to the realities of caring.

Three in five of us will become a carer at some point in our lives. Most of us will know a carer.

The first event is at The Princess of Wales Hospital, Thursday, October 15 from 9am, in the main canteen. Look out for a cake sale outside the pharmacy

in the main corridor.

On Friday, October 16, from 9.30am-11.30am enjoy a best as it helps raise money to support unpaid carers in Bridgend by taking part in 'Britain's Best Breakfast'.

Simon Hatch, director of Carers Trust Wales, said: "There are 370,000 unpaid carers in Wales, from all walks of life.

"It could be your elderly neighbour caring for his wife, the dad across the road caring for his disabled daughter or the boy in your son's class who cares for his mum. Carers come from all walks of life. Please help us to help them by getting involved with our campaign."

Money raised through Britain's Best Breakfast in Bridgend will go direct to Bridgend Carers Centre to support more unpaid carers. For more information about the campaign visit

www.britainsbestbreakfast.org.

## HISTORIC AWARD IS MADE TO THE 1ST PEN-Y-FAI SCOUTS



1ST Pen-y-Fai Scouts recently held a presentation evening at the Scout Hall in Pen-y-Fai, to recognise the achievements of three local youngsters who have earned their Chief Scout Gold Award, in the presence of special guest Coun Caroline Bryant, Chair of Newcastle Higher Community Council.

It is more than 12 years since a member of 1st Pen-y-Fai Scout group has achieved this honour, the highest award in scouting.

The presentations were made by district commissioner Christine Jordan and assistant district commissioner Ray Smith to Rhys Howells, Sian Kinsman and Gareth Westwood.

Christine Jordan said: "Having three Scouts achieve this award is a real accomplishment; well done to all."

If you would like more information about 1st Pen-y-Fai Scout group or you are interested in becoming a volunteer leader, contact 07789 268188.

## Breast Cancer Now says 'Wear it Pink'



LEFT: The message from Carwyn Jones is clear – 'Wear it Pink!'

AHEAD of this year's 'Wear it Pink Day' on October 23, Bridgend AM Carwyn Jones recently dressed up in a range of 'pink' accessories to support the Wear it Pink event, Breast Cancer Now's flagship fundraising event.

Mr Jones said: "I am delighted to once again be supporting the annual Wear it Pink

event which is doing a great job in raising awareness of breast cancer research in Wales.

"I would urge all my constituents whether they are in school, at work or at home, to don their favourite pink items on October 23 and support this worthwhile event to stand together against breast cancer."

## 'New GP surgery points the way to the future'



ABOVE:

The team at Bron y Garn surgery which is training the next generation of healthcare profession also.

HEALTH and Social Services Minister Mark Drakeford AM last week praised staff working at a new GP surgery which provides primary care services for people living in Maesteg during a visit to the practice.

The Bron y Garn surgery opened its doors earlier this year in Maesteg Community Hospital after the original surgery became too small for the needs of the practice.

The extra space and modern facilities have allowed the services, which are delivered by a wide range of healthcare specialists, including heart failure clinics and screening services, to be provided from one surgery.

The surgery has also become a training practice with one trainee already in residence and two more due to start in February 2016.

The Welsh Government's plans for primary care sets out how people will receive care and support from a wider range of professionals working as a

co-ordinated and integrated team, made up of GPs, nurses, pharmacists, midwives, health visitors, dentists, optometrists, physiotherapists, therapists, healthcare support workers, social workers and third sector workers.

Professor Drakeford said: "Bron y Garn is a good example of how primary care is changing with doctors, nurses and a range of other healthcare professionals working together to provide the right care for people at the right time in their local community.

"It is providing a range of services under one roof and is training the next generation of healthcare professionals.

"The Welsh Government is investing £40m this financial year in primary care services such as these to provide more care closer to people's homes – £4m of this has been made available to Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board."

## Opus 8 Chamber ensemble concert

ON Thursday, October 15, Opus 8 Chamber Ensemble will be performing at Ewenny Priory Church.

The soloist will be Alison Wray. The evening will be entitled 'The Mozart Family on Tour'.

In a feast of 18th century music, the Opus 8 Chamber Ensemble will explore some of the works Mozart would have encountered during

three grand tours. They include compositions by Gluck, Jomelli, J C Bach, Hasse, Schobert, Pepusch and the young Mozart himself.

Soprano Alison Wray will join the ensemble to end the concert with one of Mozart's own earliest masterpieces, the motet *Exsultate* Jubilate, famous for its thrilling alleluia.

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# Irene is honoured for 30 years service to the RNLI



ABOVE:  
Irene Williams receives her badge and certificate from Julie Sanby.

**THIRTY** years of voluntary fundraising and dedication to the RNLI has resulted in Irene Williams of Porthcawl receiving a Gold Badge for her services to the charity.

Irene was presented with her award at a presentation at Pietro's on Porthcawl seafront on October 8.

While on holiday with husband John back in 1987, Irene visited the RNLI lifeboat station on the Isles of Scilly and was impressed with the station's souvenir shop, run by local volunteers.

She was determined that the same could be tried at Porthcawl and on her return home she set up a very humble display of souvenirs on a table outside the then very small lifeboat station alongside Jennings Buildings at the harbour.

With the help of fellow fundraisers, the 'table' was manned as often as possible in the summer season and, being outdoors, when weather permitted!

The idea of the sale of souvenirs to help raise funds took a huge step forward with the opening of the new, larger, purpose-built RNLI station in 1996, when Irene's dream was helped with the incorporation of a shop. Irene set up and looked

after the rota of volunteers who were now able to man the shop in all weathers and, of course, display a far wider range of RNLI souvenirs.

Lifeboat operation manager, Philip Missen MBE said: "Irene's original idea was supported by her husband John who at that time was lifeboat honorary secretary at Porthcawl. Over the years our shop has been one of the RNLI's most successful, and has raised several hundred thousand pounds and all through bringing that holiday idea back to Porthcawl."

John Abraham, chairman of Porthcawl RNLI added: "Irene's contribution to our charity did not just include the shop, she has spent many hours organising and showing people around on educational visits to the station."

"She supported her husband John throughout his period of being in charge of operations for 10 years spanning the mid 80s and 90s, and also served on the station fundraising committee for many years."

"On behalf of all at Porthcawl lifeboat, we are delighted that this award has been made in recognition of many hours of dedication towards the success of our lifeboat service here in Porthcawl."



ABOVE:  
Rob Parry, Tim Jones and Vaughn Matthews.

## Parc Slip nature reserve celebrates... Former Tondy coal mine site scoops biodiversity award

**PARC SLIP** nature reserve, owned and managed by the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, has fought off competition from across Britain to become the national winner of Biffa Award's Rebuilding Biodiversity project of the year prize.

The Trust has managed the reserve in Tondy, near Bridgend, since 1989. Formerly an opencast coal mine, the site has been transformed back to a wildlife haven that supports one of the few remaining breeding populations of lapwing in south Wales, as well as locally important populations of reptiles, dragonflies and damselflies.

In 2012, The Wildlife Trust received funding to do wildlife conservation work at the site from Biffa Award. Over the following three years, Wildlife Trust staff and volunteers have undertaken habitat

improvements for Lapwing, created new arable crops to provide winter food for birds like Goldfinches and Yellowhammers, and introduced three much-loved highland cattle to the site to help manage the grasslands better for wildlife.

Rob Parry, conservation manager, who accepted the award on behalf of the Wildlife Trust at a national ceremony in Coventry recently said:

"We're absolutely delighted that Parc Slip has been awarded this prize. Our staff and volunteers have worked incredibly hard to make the nature reserve the best place for wildlife it can be."

"We've had brilliant feedback from all our visitors who walk the reserve and who have seen the changes that we've made on the site. We're incredibly grateful to Biffa Award for the difference their funding has made."

He added: "The prize money of £1,500 will be invested back into Parc Slip. We intend to put it towards the costs of building a new bird hide so that visitors can enjoy the site even more, and help us monitor the wildlife that uses the nature reserve."

Parc Slip nature reserve and visitor centre can be found by following signs from junction 36 from the M4. The nature reserve is open seven days a week and the visitor centre open from Tuesday-Sunday (10am-4pm).

LEFT:  
The Maesteg Mayor, Coun Michael Harpur, and supporters of his charity fund.  
Photo by Scenic Gallery



## Mayor launches his charity fund

**THE** Mayor of Maesteg, Coun Michael Harpur, together with members of his fundraising which involves crossing tree-top committee, launched 'The Mayor of Maesteg's Fund 2015/16' at Maesteg Market recently.

Over the next 10 months, by staging varied fundraising events, the committee plans to raise a minimum of £5,000, to be shared equally between Cancer Research Maesteg and Y Bwthyn Newydd, at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.

Coun Harpur said these two very worthy causes were close to his heart.

The first event is on October 25, a sponsored 'Go Ape Challenge' sponsored 'high ropes, tunnels, bridges and an exhilarating 'wind-in-your-face zip wire' glide to the finish!

Taking up the challenge will be Michael Banks and Rob Jones of 'Lizzy's Candy'.

Anyone wishing to sponsor Mike and Rob, please contact treasurer Lynda Williams on 07990 716447 or register a pledge with Margaret Buckley at Maesteg Town Council Offices, Talbot Street Maesteg, 01656 732631.

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# Former Mayor receives special portrait and takes a trip down memory lane...

**THE CURRENT BCBC Mayor and Mayoress, Coun Richard and Mrs Annette Young visited former Mayor Mr William Henry 'Bill' Burt MBE on October 6 at Bryn y Cae Residential Home, Brackla.**

During the visit, Coun Young presented a portrait, that used to hang in the old Ogwr Offices, of Bill when appointed Mayor in 1986 and also a mug that Bill presented to personnel during his year in office.

Coun Young gave a short speech on Bill's achievements during his public life in politics. He served as a community councillor for 45 years from 1963 until he retired aged 87 in 2008. He was voted chairman on five consecutive occasions during this time.

Bill was voted onto Ogwr Borough Council in 1973 and enjoyed 26 years' continuous service, including the transition to Bridgend County Borough Council, before retiring in 1999 aged 78.

During that time, Bill served on six committees and was chairman of education and leisure for 11 years.

As a councillor, Bill was co-opted on to the Board of Governors of three schools within his Ynysawdre constituency – Brynmenyn Primary School, Archbishop McGrath and Ynysawdre Comprehensive School.

He served for 36 years on the Board of Governors of Ynysawdre, from 1972 until retiring in 2008 aged 87. He was chairman of the Board of Governors for the last 26 years of his time there.

Following his retirement, Ynysawdre School nominated Bill for the Queen's Honours list for service to education and the community. This resulted in Bill being awarded the MBE in 2010.

With the formalities out of the way, there ensued a very enjoyable 90 minutes of relaxed conversation between the current Mayor and Mayoress and Bill and his family, son Adrian, daughter Angela, granddaughter Nicola and

daughter-in-law Beth.

Bill recounted his year in office when he and his wife Mavis were present when Princess Diana officially opened the Princess of Wales Hospital.

Bill's Mayor's Charity that year was dedicated to raising £49,000 which was presented to the hospital to purchase a mammogram machine.

It gave Bill great pleasure that year to officially open Bryngarw Park within his own constituency. He also opened the then new Civic Offices.

Bill was also fortunate to visit Bridgend's twin town Langennau in Germany and stay with the Bürgermeister and reciprocate a visit by the Bürgermeister to Bridgend. He also attended a garden party with the Queen at Buckingham Palace.

He and his wife, the Mayoress Mavis, attended many functions during that year – mainly fundraising for his charity. His chauffeur Dilwyn told him they covered 18,000 miles that year.

Bill is very conscious and appreciative of the support his now deceased wife Mavis gave him throughout his political life.

He and his family were also very lucky to meet many stars of the entertainment world during his term in office, including Ken Dodd, Max Boyce, the Searchers and to the amusement of the current Mayor, the Krankies.

Bill was also fortunate to meet Nelson Mandela and was invited by Desmond Tutu to sit alongside him at a function.

Mayor Richard Young recounted serving on committees during the early years of his political career as Bill was a senior councillor. He humorously recalled on one occasion when he dared to talk during one of Bill's addresses and how Bill had told him to shut up.

Bill's family would like to thank Bryn y Cae for providing a meeting room and light refreshments for the occasion and to the Mayor and Mayoress for coming along. He would dearly love any old associates to pay him a visit at Bryn y Cae and relive their memories.

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**ABOVE:**  
The Mayor and Mayoress present Bill with a portrait that has hung in the Civic Offices for the last 28 years.

## The First Minister opens 'inspirational' city campus



**FIRST Minister of Wales Carwyn Jones and Minister for Education and Skills, Huw Lewis, have officially opened Cardiff and Vale College's £45m new city centre campus in the heart of the capital.**

The landmark building, near Cardiff Central station in the heart of Cardiff's Financial Services Enterprise Zone, features 130 teaching rooms including specialist labs, workshops, IT studios and two vast learning and skills centres.

It is home to 4,000 students studying across 200 different courses with thousands more individuals engaged through the year on short courses, employer training and apprenticeships.

Backed by a £20m Welsh Government grant, CAVC City Centre Campus features top-class, industry standard facilities such as a performance theatre, fifth-floor restaurant with views across Cardiff, music technology, film, dance and art studios, a salon, spa and a strength and conditioning gym.

It also has a dedicated Science, Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) centre, Business Centre for employers and community facilities.

Mr Jones said: "This is what the future of further education looks like in Wales."

"This new city centre campus is truly an inspirational building which will give learners in Wales access to a wide-ranging, flexible curriculum in a world class learning environment."

business of minutes, apologies, notices etc was completed before Jan Foyle, on behalf of the members, presented Irena Wasilewska with a bursary, which Irena told us would be used for an imminent visit to Denman.

We were also given an account of the Link meeting which had been held on the previous Wednesday with a '1940s' theme and a rousing musical performance by Penny Weedon which everyone joined in.

We were reminded that new members and visitors are always welcome on the first Wednesday of the month.

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## Absorbing account of an extraordinary life

**YSTRADOWEN & DISTRICT WI**

**AT the October meeting, president Jan Foyle introduced the speaker for the evening, Dean Powell, who gave a very revealing talk on Dr William of Llantrisant, who is generally known for his introduction of cremation to the United Kingdom.**

This proved to be the least of his achievements, and we were treated to an absorbing story of this extraordinary man's life, both amusing and very revealing.

There was a good turnout and the

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## Enter your business idea in town centre competition!

TIME is running out for young entrepreneurs to enter this year's Carnegie UK Trust, Test Town competition, supported by Bridgend College and Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

Bridgend town centre has been selected as only one of 10 locations in the UK to host the regional heats for the contest, which gives budding young entrepreneurs a valuable insight into running their own business.

The challenge will be held from November 19-21, and will give 16 to 30-year-olds the opportunity to sell and showcase their products and services at a pop-up youth enterprise market in Caroline Street, Bridgend town centre.

Event organiser, Ruth Rowe, entrepreneurship officer at Bridgend College said: "We've had a fantastic response to the competition to date. We've received applications from all



ABOVE:  
Singer/songwriter Ahnuh Valentine has high hopes in the Test Town 2015 competition.

kinds of businesses and people with business ideas including a singer, a personal trainer, a DJ and an exotic farm park!

"We also have a prize of £500 for the entrepreneur or entrepreneurs with the most potential and the winner of the Welsh heat will go through the grand final in early

2016 with a chance of winning £10,000 to develop their enterprise or business idea!"

BCBC Leader Mel Nott, said: "This competition is a wonderful opportunity for young people in the Bridgend county borough.

"The enterprise market will not only showcase new

products and services, but it will also provide a welcome boost to local trade within the town centre itself."

To take part in Bridgend Test Town 2015, email: [TestTownBridgend@bridgend.ac.uk](mailto:TestTownBridgend@bridgend.ac.uk) for an application form.

For more information on TestTown 2015, please call 01656 302382.

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### Weekly events:

Monday: Porthcawl Coffee morning for Welsh learners and speakers, YMCA Porthcawl, (11am-12am).

Science Club for Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg y Ferch o'r Sgêr pupils, lunchtime, free.

Arts and Crafts Club for Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bro Ogwr pupils, 3.30pm-4.30pm, £1 a session.

Tuesday: Coffee morning for Welsh learners and speakers, Tŷ Cofî Bridgend, 10am-11am.

Animation Club for Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cwm Garw pupils, lunchtime, free.

Wednesday: DJ lessons Club, Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd, lunchtime.

Art Club for Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg y Ferch o'r Sgêr pupils, lunchtime, free.

Youth Club, Bridgend YMCA, 6pm-8pm, £1 a session.

Thursday: Playground Games Club for Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cynwyd Sant pupils, lunchtime, free.

Siop Siarad, Siop Yr Hen Bont, Bridgend. A chance for Welsh learners to ask questions and practice their Welsh with other learners. Every Thursday Group 1: 12.45pm-1.30pm, Practising Mynediad and Sylfaen patterns; Group 2: 1.30pm-2.15pm, Start chatting in Welsh; Group 3: 2.15pm-3pm, for those who can hold a conversation in Welsh.

Dydd Gwener: Youth Club, Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd, lunchtime.

**Half term:** 26.10.15 - 28.10.15: October Holiday Hype, at Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd, 10pm-3pm; fun and exciting Welsh sports, arts and activities camp for girls and boys aged eight to 14.

29.10.15 - LC2 Swimming and cinema trip for kids and young people, 8am-5.20pm; open to children and young people aged eight to 15.

30.10.15 - Halloween Party, Porthcawl Pavilion, 2pm-4pm; activities, games and a fancy dress party for children aged 0 to seven years.

For more information or to book a place contact us now - Menter Bro Ogwr, 01656 732200; [menter@broogwr.org](mailto:menter@broogwr.org); 07929 923806.

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### Digwyddiadau wythnosol:

Dydd Llun: Bore Cofî Porthcawl i ddysgwyr a Chymry Cymraeg, YMCA Porthcawl, 11-12yp.

Clwb Gwyddoniaeth i blant Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg y Ferch o'r Sgêr, amser cinio, am ddim.

Clwb Celf a Chrefft i blant Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bro Ogwr, 3.30-4.30, £1 y sesiwn.

Dydd Mawrth: Bore Cofî Pen-y-bont i ddysgwyr a Chymry Cymraeg, Caffi Tŷ Cofî Pen-y-bont, 10-11yb.

Clwb Animeiddio i blant Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cwm Garw, amser cinio, am ddim.

Dydd Mercher: Clwb Gwersi DJ, Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd, amser cinio.

Clwb Celf i blant Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg y Ferch o'r Sgêr, amser cinio, am ddim.

Clwb Ieuencid, YMCA Pen-y-bont, 6-8yb, £1 y sesiwn.

Dydd Iau: Clwb Gemau iard i blant Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cynwyd Sant, amser cinio, am ddim

Siop Siarad, Siop Yr Hen Bont, Pen-y-bont, Cyfle i ddysgwyr holi cwestiynau, ymarfer a gloywi eu Cymraeg, ynghyd â dysgwyr o'r un lefel. Pob Dydd Iau Grŵp 1: 12.45pm-1.30pm, Ymarfer patrymau iaith lefelau Mynediad a Sylfaen; Grŵp 2: 1.30pm-2.15pm, Dechrau sgwrsio yn Gymraeg; Grŵp 3: 2.15pm-3pm, I bobl sy'n gallu cynnal sgwrs Gymraeg.

Dydd Gwener: Clwb ieuencid, Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd, amser cinio.

### Hanner tymor:

26.10.15 - 28.10.15: Hwyl yr Hydref, yn Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd, 10-3yp.

Gwersyll chwaraeon, celf a gweithgareddau hwylus a chyffrous i fechgyn a marchod 8-14 oed.

29.10.15 - Taith nofio yn LC2 a Sinema i blant a phobl ifanc, 8am-5.20yp. Agored i blant a phobl ifanc 8-15 oed.

30.10.15 - Parti Calan Gaeaf, Pafiliwn Porthcawl, 2-4yp, Gweithgareddau, gemau, cystadleuaeth gwisg ffansi ar gyfer plant 0-7 oed.

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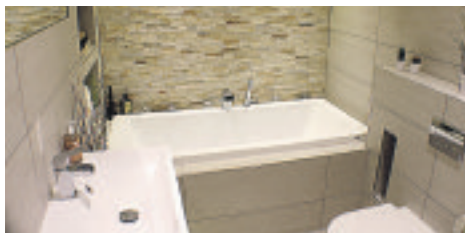
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## Bridgend Bridge Club latest news

**THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:**

Wednesday, October 7: First, Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner; second, Steve Burgoyne and Ann Fox; third, Mike Best and John Beard. The winners on handicap were Steve Burgoyne and Ann Fox.

Thursday, October 8: First, Rosalie Clode and Debbie Lea; second, Glyn Williams and Dilys Bowser; third, John Henson and V Irene Thomas. The winners on handicap were Leila O'Hagan and Diane Reynolds.

Friday, October 9: First, Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan; second, Norma and David Newman; third, Steve Burgoyne and Bill Turner. The winners on handicap were Norma and David Newman.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to commence at 7pm, so it helps if players arrive at least 10

minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle duplicate session. Master points are now awarded

but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their Bridge.

New lessons for beginners began on September 24, 11.30am-1.30pm and will

continue for 10 sessions. For further information, call Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968, John Evans on 01656 880372 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

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# NEW THINKING NEEDED FOR THE BRIDGEND TOWN CENTRE

by CARWYN JONES  
AM for Bridgend

The six things that need to be done to raise the profile and fulfil area's potential



**M**UCH has been said this week about the number of empty shops in Bridgend and what needs to be done for the town centre, so this week I thought I would share some thoughts on what I think needs to be done.

1. Give people a reason to visit the town centre. Why should people go there unless it has something different to offer? It means that the traders need to sign up to a common vision for the town centre that looks forward not back to the way things used to be.

2. Accept that there are too many shop units that will never be filled again because they are too small. The supermarkets and online trading has taken away much of their trade.

However, there are not enough offices. Why not look to convert more from one to the other? Then you have more people in the town centre during the day, creating the footfall for shops and cafes.

3. Look at opening hours. Where is it written that shops have to be open from 9am-5.30pm? Most people will never be able to get to them in the week, so they will go to the supermarkets because they are open later.

Those hours were designed for a time when more people worked in town and fewer

women were in paid jobs so could shop during the day.

Times have changed. There is a limit to what you can ask small retailers to do, but what about experimenting with 11am-7pm?

4. Wholesale reintroduction of traffic into the town isn't the answer. When Bridgend was open to traffic it was chaos.

Heavy traffic, widespread illegal parking and little room for pedestrians, especially those with mobility problems were normal.

Is there a case though for allowing traffic in at specific times of day? I'm not convinced it would help but it might be worth a try.

5. Work on the town's strengths. A lot of money leaks out into the surrounding out of town centres and to Cardiff. Bringing more of that back will help the town considerably.

Why not create a virtual shopping centre where people can order online from shops in town? That creates the interest for people to actually come to the shops and browse.

6. Above all, create a theme for the town; Narberth is known for food, Cowbridge for luxury goods, Hay-on-Wye for books, Carmarthen for its market and small shops. We need to think about what Bridgend should be.

So, lots to do, but I think the potential is there. I've lived here most of my life, and I want to see the town centre thrive.

## Guide dogs are on show

SOME of the county's cleverest canines were in Bridgend town centre last Saturday to mark Guide Dogs Week.

Puppies Evie and Mabey attracted lots of attention, helping volunteers to raise £632.30 with bucket collections at Brackla Street, Adare Street and Caroline Street.



Puppy walker Sheila Stephens with Evie.



Volunteer Jeanne Alway and puppy walker Sandra Corben with Mabey

## Pencoed woman is off to run fourth half marathon

TWO women from south Wales will be celebrating in more ways than one after this Sunday's half marathon, having completed no less than four half marathons together for charity.

Bethan Evans from Cardiff and Caroline Smart from Pencoed, both employees at Principality Building Society, are running to raise money for Mind Cymru, Principality's Charity of the Year.

Bethan and Caroline, both 32, have already completed Swansea, Tenby and Cardiff half marathons and will be taking on Birmingham half marathon this weekend.

Caroline from Pencoed, said: "We both did the Cardiff half marathon last year and wanted to go that extra mile, or 39 extra miles, to challenge



ABOVE: Caroline Smart (left) with Bethan Evans.

ourselves and hopefully raise lots of money for this charity.

"We have already raised £700 thanks to our family, friends and colleagues at Principality and we hope to improve that by the end of our races."

Mind Cymru interim director, Janet Pardue-Wood, said: "A huge thank you to Bethan and Caroline for their amazing fundraising work!"

"Mind Cymru is here to make sure anyone experiencing a mental health problem has

somewhere to turn for help and support. We could not do that without donations from individuals and organisations."

To donate to Caroline and Bethan's challenge please visit <http://www.justgiving.com/Caroline-Smart1>

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# YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE COMMUNITY NEWS

## Wales bowls

AT the recent competition which took place at the City and County of Oxford Bowling Club, the British Isle Bowling Council hosted the 2015 under-25 championships between the four home nations.

Wales, team manager, Alun Hodges, selected 10 new caps in a much-changed team to take on Scotland, Ireland and defending champions, England, who were chasing a third consecutive victory.

The draw resulted in an opening game against dangerous opponents in Ireland, and while always in control, Wales were made to fight hard to ensure a 17-shot victory.

The afternoon session saw Wales take on a buoyant England team, who had defeated Scotland by 26 in the morning. England started strongly and went into an early 19-shot lead, but, showing tremendous determination and no little skill, Wales turned this around to lead by 26 with a quarter of the game to go.

However, to their credit, England fought back like true champions and on the last bowl, managed to secure a 121-121 draw.

This meant that both England and Wales could win the event, with Scotland still in contention having beaten Ireland.

On Sunday morning, Scotland started the strongest and led by 19 shots after five ends, but Wales then took control and were ahead by 41 at one point before running out comfortable winners by 24 shots.

England, meanwhile, were having a tough battle with Ireland and the game was changing on a regular basis. With the Wales/Scotland game having finished, England knew that if they beat Ireland by 17, they would retain the trophy, and with one bowl to come, were in a winning position, before the Irish skip changed things with a magnificent bowl.

England won by 13, leaving Wales victorious, and the new BIBC under-25 champions for 2015. A great achievement for a very young new team.

The trophy was presented by the BIBC president to a delighted Welsh team manager, Alun Hodges.

## Charity concert

MAESTEG Children's Choir recently took part in a concert in Central Church, Maesteg, to raise funds for 'In Aid of Action for Children'.

It was arranged at short notice, and the choir was asked to do a short concert instead of the traditional 'hymnathon' that local schools take part in.

The concert was well attended, and the

choir sang a varied programme, including 'Sing', 'Somewhere Out There' and 'When You Believe'. The soloists were choir members Caitlin Jenkins, Cerys Davies, and Kirsty and Karly Whelan. Ryan Wood was the accompanist, and Enid-Sian Hughes was musical director and compere.

The children's choir will be holding their 30th anniversary concert on Saturday, November 21 at 7pm in Maesteg Town Hall. It will be an evening when both past and present choir members will perform together to celebrate 30 years of music and friendship. Rehearsals have already started, and there is much excitement about the forthcoming concert.

If past choir members would like to be involved, please contact the musical director, Enid-Sian Hughes. The choir practices every Saturday morning between 10am and 12pm in the Crypt of St Michael's Church, and they would welcome new members aged between eight and 18 years of age.

The choir has recently recorded a CD to mark this special 30th anniversary. It is called 'Thank You for the Music' and will be available in time for Christmas, at a cost of £10.

## Twinning visit

THE Pencoed Town and District Twinning Association recently welcomed a group from the twin town of Plouzane, Brittany, to Pencoed.

A full programme of events was organised, including visits to Duffryn House and gardens, Aberglasney House, Margam Abbey and Stones' Museum and Parc Slip Nature Reserve.

An official evening was held at Pencoed Rugby Club with entertainment by Alec Brookes and the Mid Glamorgan Mixed Choir with the Mayor of Pencoed, Coun Jim Hancock in attendance.

All of the visitors were hosted by members of the association. Apart from visits from and to our twin towns, which includes Waldsassen, Bavaria, the association organises social events most months through the year. The next event is a fish and chips evening and the venue is Pencoed Miners' Welfare Hall on Friday, October 23, starting at 7.30pm.

If members of the public are interested in coming along to find out more about town twinning, contact Mark Steer marksteer150@gmail.com, 01443 230282, 07506337533.

## Harvest festival

TYNYRHEOL primary school, Llangenor, is holding a special Harvest Festival service in the Calfarfa Chapel

on Monday, October 19 at 10am, at which it will be collecting items for delivery to elderly residents in Llangenor.

Parents and school governors will be most welcome to attend the service. If anyone would like to nominate an elderly person to receive an item please contact the school secretary, Miss Crowle.

## Children's charity

THE Welsh Children's Cancer Charity, LATCH, was formed in 1982 by a group of families and friends who recognised that the children diagnosed with cancer or leukaemia and their families not only needed medical support, but also social and welfare support to ease the huge financial and emotional burden.

The first major project LATCH embarked upon was the building of parent accommodation on the grounds of Llandough Hospital and this was opened in 1982.

In 2002, LATCH launched a successful campaign to raise £800,000 to build an extra storey on the new hospital building to house parents' accommodation and a dedicated out-patient unit.

In 2005, the paediatric oncology unit relocated to the new Children's Hospital for Wales. To help raise funds to provide help for the children who are suffering with leukemia etc, there is a bazaar at Blackmill Community Hall on Saturday, October 17, 11am-4pm. There will be a large number of stalls.

For more information, telephone Pat on 01656 840226.

## Tondu Primary School

MRS Susan Pilcher would like to thank everyone who purchased items at the school's book fair, at which £800 worth of books were bought – this enables the school to purchase new books for the school library.

The date of the next cross country meeting in the primary schools' cross country competition will be Saturday, October 17 at Bryntirion Comprehensive School. This is open to any child who would like to run a short course together with pupils from other schools.

On Thursday, October 22, the PTFA is organising a disco for pupils of the school at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen from 5.30pm-7pm. The entrance fee will be £1 per pupil, and parents of children in nursery and reception will need to accompany their children.

## Tondu Cricket Club

BOIS Goetre-Hen male choir will be holding a fun quiz at the club tomorrow,

## NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

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Friday, October 16 at 7.30pm.

It will cost £2.50 per person and the maximum sized team will be five people. There will be a number of prizes to be won and a raffle will be held as well.

## Gleemen's concert

THE Maesteg 'Gleemen' male voice choir sang last Saturday at Maesteg Town Hall.

The conductor, Alun Hodges, was on top form, with his wife Suzanne accompanying the choir on the piano.

Alun must be congratulated. He has been musical director and conductor of the choir for 25 years, and one hopes he will be there for another 25.

Not only was the choir on top form, but it had two young ladies being given the opportunity to perform to the public. Both had been contestants earlier in the year in the Dunraven Young Singer of The Year, and both are from the Porthcawl area.

Fifteen-year-old Layla Miller is a student at Porthcawl Comprehensive School, and will be performing in the forthcoming production of 'White Christmas' at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl in November.

Anwen Angharad is a student at University of Wales Trinity St David's, Cardiff. Anwen is a youth representative on the Menter Bro Gŵyr, Bridgend's Welsh Language Initiative and the Gŵyl Cerdd Dant Festival's committees.

The star soprano for the evening was Rebecca Evans. She is such an artiste, one could have heard a pin drop when she was on the stage. She has appeared in leading roles at three of the greatest opera houses in the world: the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, the Met in New York and Bayerische Staatsoper in Munich.

The accompanist for all three ladies was Siân Davies. Siân has played in a number of countries throughout the world, and has accompanied leading Welsh artists such as Gwyn Hugh Jones, Rebecca Evans, Shân Cothi, Charlotte Church, and Rhys

Meirion.

The compère for the evening was Beverley Humphreys, who was given the honour of being the first singer in the history of Welsh rugby to step out on to the turf in the National Stadium to sing the Welsh National Anthem.

The concert was a huge success and everyone associated with it deserves our congratulations.

Maesteg 'Gleemen' are travelling to Holland on October 25 for a few days to commemorate the involvement of Welsh Regiments in action during the Second World War.

## Buggyfit

PLEASE note the change of date for the free Buggyfit at Maesteg Celtic Social Club.

This will now be taking place on Wednesdays (not Tuesdays, as previously advertised) starting next week, Wednesday, October 21 9.30am-10.30am.

For more information, call 01656 643518.

## Royal British Legion,

## Pontycymer

THAT stalwart Dixie Dean is once again helping raise funds for the above organisation's Poppy fund appeal, by organising an annual concert at the Garw Valley Leisure Centre, Old Station Yard, Pontycymer on Saturday, October 24 at 7.30pm.

The entertainment will be provided by the British Legion Band, assisted by Cór Meibion Cwm Garw and the joint choir from Blaengarw and Cwm Garw schools.

I have attended this event on previous occasions and the entertainment has always been first class.

Tickets cost £5 and £2.50 for children up to 16 years of age, obtainable from Pontycymer Post Office or by telephone 01656 870304, e-mail pontycymer.po@btconnect.com.

# 'Too much concern for travellers – not enough for residents'

A leading Conservative has called on the Vale Council to drop the "soft approach" to travellers who have moved on to a local authority car park at Nell's Point, Barry Island.

The claims led a clearly exasperated Vale Council Leader Neil Moore to emphasise: "We have taken the swiftest possible action to end this unauthorised occupation and will continue to work our way through the legal processes that we are required to follow as quickly as the law allows."

The travellers gained access to the car park overnight on Thursday, October 8 and Friday morning, October 9.

Later that day the Vale Council confirmed: "South Wales Police were called to the site soon afterwards. Council officers were then called to the car park and have remained on site since."

"The car park was locked; however when our officers arrived at the site on Friday morning the main access gate had been damaged and one of the hinges broken."

"To attempt to prevent any further unauthorised access, the gates are being repaired and following this they will remain closed with a Vale Council vehicle preventing access during the day."

Since then, the travellers have remained, and can come and go on foot – while the car park remains out

of action for members of the public.

Ross England, the Conservative candidate for the Vale in next May's Welsh Assembly election said the Vale Council should take a stronger line after the travellers missed a deadline of 10am Tuesday, October 13, to leave the site.

Mr England told a gathering of Island residents that the council should be doing "everything possible within the law to inconvenience the travellers until they leave" and called the council's current policy of letting travellers in and out of the site "counterproductive".

He also warned a "soft approach" might cause a repeat of the situation in Dinas Powys this June when travellers camped on the playing fields for two weeks.

He said: "The council should not be letting the travellers in and out of the site. Once they leave they should be barred from coming back in."

"The council should be doing everything they legally can do to hasten the departure of these trespassers."

"There is currently too much concern for the welfare of the trespassers and not enough respect for law-abiding residents and businesses."

Vale MP Alun Cairns insisted: "The council must take a stronger approach than they did in Dinas Powys this June to avoid the Vale being confirmed as a soft touch when it comes to travellers."



The washing lines are out at the new travellers' encampment at Nell's Point, Barry Island.

Ian Bailey, the chairman of the Island Residents' Association, organised Tuesday morning's gathering of concerned residents.

He said: "Nobody has yet been charged for the criminal damage that was caused when the trespassers broke in to the site. If you or I caused this damage we would be arrested."

"It is beyond belief that the travellers are allowed to come and go as they please. Visitors and residents aren't allowed to use the car park but an exception is made for the trespassers!"

Plaid councillor Nic Hodges who represents Barry Island said that the travellers were very unwelcome at a time when Barry Island's reputation was in the ascendancy.

He said: "We are battling to lift the town's economy and much has been invested in the Island. There has been positive publicity not only in Wales but beyond."

"We talked to the travellers who said that they would be gone on

Thursday. Time will tell. Meanwhile visitors are deprived of the use of the car park. Many motorists were turned away from parking there."

On Wednesday, as The GEM was going to press, the Vale Council was due to attend a court hearing with a view to getting the travellers removed.

There is a strict legal process that must be followed in the event of the occupation of land by gypsy and traveller groups. For example, by law, in these circumstances a council is required to undertake a welfare assessment. This assessment was carried out by a representative of Gypsy and Travellers Wales on Saturday.

**'POLITICAL GAIN'**  
Vale Leader Neil Moore accused Mr England and Vale MP Alun Cairns of exploiting the issue for political gain.

He said: "According to the MP and his Assembly hopeful they have contacted the council and have been pressing us to do something about

the travellers on the island.

"They have done no such thing, apart from talking to an officer who was already on site when they went to the site on Friday."

"They have simply spearheaded a Facebook and Twitter campaign making these false claims and done nothing more."

"They have no responsibility but have simply stirred things up for political gain. They should be ashamed of their actions."

"There have been suggestions from certain quarters, and in the media, that the council is a soft touch and that we were going to give the group more time before taking action. Such comments are mischievous and irresponsible and could not be further from the truth. "As a matter of 'fact', our officers, along with the police, were on site early on Friday morning after the travellers arrived during Thursday night."

"We secured the site and repaired any damage caused to the gate and prevented any further travellers entering the site on Friday morning."

"The normal legal proceedings were then followed and an assessment was made of the situation and the travellers were asked to leave. They were subsequently given until 10am today (Tuesday) to leave voluntarily."

"They were informed that unless they left by that time, legal proceedings would be instigated and

that is exactly what has happened. We have carried out the procedures to the letter of the law and done so as quickly as possible under those procedures."

"Therefore, once the 10am deadline expired today (Tuesday, October 13) the Vale Council sent its legal team to file papers with Cardiff Civil Justice Centre to request a hearing for possession of the land."

"The travellers have now been served a legal notice to leave the site."

"As part of the request to the court, the council also successfully petitioned the Judge to have the hearing brought forward to Wednesday, October 14 so that the matter can be brought to the swiftest possible conclusion."

"I would emphasise that from the moment the council was first alerted to this unauthorised encampment we have done everything within our power to move matters forward as fast as possible."

"All of the preparations for legal action were made in advance of the 10am deadline and as soon as it became apparent that the travellers were not going to vacate the car park, a member of our legal services team went immediately to the court in Cardiff to file the papers," the Vale Leader added.

# POLICE AND COUNCIL JOINING FORCES IN BID TO CUT COSTS



**ABOVE:**  
Chief Constable Peter Vaughan, Bridgend AM Carwyn Jones, BCBC Leader Mel Nott OBE and Alun Michael, the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales, observing work at the new workshop



**ABOVE:**  
BCBC Leader Mel Nott and Chief Inspector Claire Hallett with Richard Thomas and Judith Perrett – the grandchildren of Richard 'Dick' Thomas.



**ABOVE:**  
The display board, telling the story of Sgt Richard Thomas.

## THE First Minister, Carwyn Jones AM, officially opened a new workshop in Bridgend called 'Ty Richard Thomas' last Friday, October 9.

South Wales Police (SWP) and Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) have come together to create the new state-of-the-art joint vehicle maintenance facility, which is the first collaboration of its kind in Wales.

It has been named after a police sergeant, Richard Thomas, who was killed in World War 1.

As part of the South Wales Police's Estates Review to save money, the police purchased and upgraded the building with £2 million capital funding. BCBC will share revenue costs over the duration of the agreement.

A spokesman said: "The joint police and council facility will reduce costs for both organisations, provide fit-for-purpose accommodation and provide an enhanced service to customers.

"It has equipment and facilities comparable to any commercial workshop and is located in Brackla

Industrial Estate in Bridgend."

Staff from both organisations will work there and the centre will service, repair and MOT all police vehicles including police cars, horseboxes, ARVs, motorbikes, courier vans, and pool cars.

It will also service, repair and MOT all council vehicles which includes snow ploughs, gritters, tipplers, ride-on mowers, maintenance vans and drain-cleaning vehicles.

It will also service and MOT the council's customers, which are taxis.

In total, it will be responsible for: 595 vehicles; 35 vehicles over 3.5ton; 22 motorcycles; 110 items of plant; and 28 MOTs per week.

Carwyn Jones said: "When we're all facing tough financial decisions and pressure on our budgets it's great to see innovative and collaborative working that will not only generate savings, but will also improve efficiency and services for customers.

South Wales Police's Police & Crime Commissioner Alun Michael, said: "The facilities at the previous SWP depot on the Bridgend

Headquarters site and the previous BCBC depot at Waterton are at best described as outdated and in need of replacement.

"The Joint Vehicle Maintenance Facility was established to improve the facilities for both organisations and to provide a single cost-effective integrated operation."

Coun Hywel Williams, BCBC's cabinet member for communities, said: "By sharing our resources with the police, the council is committing to meeting the Welsh Government agenda for shared services, while reducing the costs of fleet maintenance and having better facilities and equipment at our disposal."

Chief Constable Peter Vaughan of SWP said: "To deliver the most cost effective Joint Vehicle Maintenance Facility, we purchased an industrial unit at Newlands Avenue, Brackla Industrial Estate, Bridgend, and designed and refurbished it according to both organisations' needs.

"The building, formerly the Fiskars Distribution Centre has been named 'Ty Richard Thomas' in memory of Sergeant Richard ("Dick") Thomas, a

Glamorgan Police Sergeant who sadly lost his life in World War 1, on July 7, 1916, at Mametz Wood on the Somme.

"Sgt Thomas was a Company Sergeant Major in the 16th Battalion, Welsh Regiment from Bridgend who played rugby for Bridgend, Mountain Ash and at international level for Wales. He was also a notable amateur boxer.

"Sgt Thomas was killed in action at the age of 36, one of the first casualties leading the company into battle, leaving behind a widow and two children."

Richard Thomas, the grandson of the fallen Sgt Richard Thomas said: "I am very pleased and grateful for the honour given to my grandfather, on behalf of my father David Thomas (who lost his Dad when only 18 months old) and the rest of his surviving family."

As well as naming the building 'Ty Richard Thomas', the reception area will have a permanent display telling the story of Richard Thomas, the Battle for Mametz Wood and of other Glamorgan Police officers who lost their lives there.

## Majestic Vulcan is captured on its farewell tour



**IMAGE by**  
**DEREK NAYLOR**

*The Vulcan in the skies above St Athan in the Vale of Glamorgan.*

**VALE** photographer Derek Naylor captured this spectacular image of the Vulcan XH588 as it approached St Athan on Sunday, October 11.

Derek told THE GEM: "It is part of the farewell tour of the Vulcan XH588. Hundreds of people turned out on the main road to watch the spectacle and traffic stopped.

"I was positioned further back near the fields between the road and the coast. "It really was an awesome sight and onlookers cheered and clapped as the Vulcan dipped its wings over Raf St Athan before heading north."

Vulcans were used in the Cold War and the Falklands conflict. The Vulcan XH588 first flew in 1960.

Over the years it has taken part in many air displays, but in May this year it was confirmed that 2015 would be its last season of flying because the companies helping to maintain it were not continuing their support.

## A visit from the Dogs Trust

### NEWS FROM SKER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

**THE October meeting of Sker WI was held recently and president Nora Williams welcomed the members and two visitors.**

To celebrate the centenary of the WI in September, 40 members enjoyed lunch at the Seagull.

Also, 10 members went to the centenary conference in Cardiff.

The speaker for the evening was Linda Feagan, with her dog Ruby, from The Dogs Trust.

The Trust which was formerly The National Canine Defence League, was formed in 1891.

The Trust has over 20 rehoming centres across the UK which do an amazing job in looking after the dogs in their care. The dogs are

checked thoroughly before they are found new homes.

No healthy dogs are put to sleep and most are neutered before they leave a centre. In 2014, nearly 15,000 dogs were rehomed.

We have a fashion show to look forward to and our Christmas fayre at Trinity Church Hall is on November 27 from 10am-12 noon.

There is also a trip to Llanelli House with some retail therapy in Carmarthen, coming up in December.

The next meeting is on November 12 at 7pm in St David's Church Hall, Nottage. The speaker will be Ms Angela Gorman on 'Working with African Mothers'. Anyone wishing to join us is very welcome.

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## AM calls for changes to Bridgend centre

**A PETITION calling for the scrapping of pedestrianisation in parts of Bridgend town centre is being organised by Regional AM Suzy Davies and supported by Assembly candidate George Jabbour.**

Mrs Davies, who is a Welsh Conservative, said that it was time for a drastic change of policy from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) following the news that there are 80 empty shop premises in the town centre.

She said: "They have persisted with pedestrianisation for more than a decade despite mounting evidence that it has failed. Traders have now called for traffic to be allowed back into the town to breathe new life into the centre."

"Both I and my Conservative colleagues have been campaigning for this for several years. Einstein said that the definition of insanity is to keep doing the same thing but expecting a different outcome."

"People need to be able to reach the shops and services they need easily. Fears about gridlock, expressed by the council in the past, are misplaced because there is no through route, so only people with business in town will drive in."

"Bridgend has just received another tranche of regeneration funding – £5m from the Vibrant and Viable Places programme."

"The council must now ensure that this scheme really does benefit shoppers and traders alike."

Her call was echoed by George

Jabbour who has a background in investment and business and is the party's candidate to take on First Minister Carwyn Jones at next May's Assembly elections.

He said: "It is appalling that while the UK economy and businesses across Britain are thriving, Bridgend town centre is seeing the largest proportion of closed shops in years."

"As someone who has started their own small business and who has also spoken with traders in town since becoming the candidate, I fully support the campaign by local Conservatives to reverse the excessive pedestrianisation."

Traders chairman Steve Bletsoe said that they were calling for the bottom of town to be opened up initially, allowing traffic to enter via Queen Street and then travel through Dunraven Place and exit up Market Street. Some on-street parking should be permitted along this route to allow people to visit local shops, banks and the post office.

Suzy Davies added: "The price for the council's failure is being paid by businesses who have seen their trade fall away. It's time councillors and council officers listened to those who pay their wages – the residents of Bridgend who want an attractive town centre with a choice of shops, and the traders themselves."

Petition forms will be distributed to shops and businesses over the next week. It will also be available to sign on-line on [www.suzydavies.wales](http://www.suzydavies.wales)

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## ASSEMBLY SPEAKER



THE Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Dr Peter Beck, and the Lieutenantcy held a dinner in Cardiff. The speaker was Dame Rosemary Butler, the presiding officer of the National Assembly. PHOTOGRAPH by HEATHER MARCH

**CARDIFF Airport has seen a big rise in passenger numbers (21 per cent) with over 25,000 more customers flying through Wales' national airport in September 2015, compared to the same month in 2014.**

"This substantial level of growth has not been seen since 2006 and is set to continue into 2016," the airport reported.

Travellers were taking advantage of an increased choice of destinations, more availability and better timings on key routes plus airlines offering

greater value for money to fly from Rhosce.

The total number of passengers reached 150,477 last month, an increase of 25,874 from 124,603 in 2014.

Routes seeing the largest growth are Faro – operated by Flybe and Thomson; Dublin – operated by Aer Lingus and Flybe; Edinburgh – operated by Flybe; Tenerife – operated by Ryanair, Thomson and Thomas Cook, and Reus – operated by Thomson and Thomas Cook.

In addition, new services to Cork, Milan and Munich were proving popular with both Welsh travellers and visitors to Wales.

Debra Butler, the managing director, said:

"The September figures follow a strong summer, where passenger numbers increased by 12 per cent in June, 8 per cent in July and 10 per cent in August compared to the same quarter in 2014.

"We are extremely pleased to see such positive numbers during September, especially after the success of the summer season. We'd like to thank all those who are choosing to fly through Cardiff; we know customers may not have used the airport for some time, but by supporting the current flights it not only helps the airport grow, it makes the case for airlines to offer more choice at Cardiff even more compelling.

"October will be an exciting month for us as we prepare to welcome fans travelling to and from Cardiff for the Rugby World Cup and expect to see in the region of 30,000 extra passengers pass through the terminal."

Lord Rowe-Beddoe, Chairman, added: "The past four months have seen notable growth which is set to continue. The success of the new Flybe base plus strong load factors for airlines including KLM, Vueling, Aer Lingus and Thomson are also

very encouraging.

"We know that customers will fly to and from Cardiff when there is the choice of destinations at reasonable prices. We remain focussed on giving customers even more options so that Cardiff becomes the airport of choice for both Welsh passengers and those travelling to Wales."

Recent airport announcements have included Spanish airline Vueling launching an increased summer 2016 programme from Wales,

offering more than an extra 30,000 seats after a fourth successful year operating from Cardiff.

In addition, Thomson Cruises chose Cardiff as one of six specially selected regional airports in the UK to serve new direct charter flights to Dubai for January and February 2017 as it operates out of the port of Dubai for the first time.

The flights follow the popularity of Caribbean charter flights which operate from Cardiff and always prove very popular with customers.

## Lawyers' association opposes court closures

**If plans go ahead to close 11 courts across Wales, it could cause chaos in the remaining courts, as well as uncertainty for injured people, particularly in our rural areas.**

Where courts are tipped for closure in a Government consultation, injured people, who are already vulnerable, may find they have to travel considerably longer distances to have their cases heard.

For a fair and just system to prevail, the requirements of all court users must be met, but this is not necessarily being ensured.

For example, Welsh speakers will be left particularly vulnerable as provisions will be reduced. There also

needs to be consideration for the inevitable delays and backlogs for the remaining courts left to absorb the workload.

It is difficult to see how, post-cull, the court service in Wales can provide fair access to justice for all who need it. Not all courts are being examined and therefore opportunities for costs savings elsewhere could be missed.

The court estate should be reviewed in the round and resources must be allocated throughout Wales to ensure that everyone has equal access to justice.

Cenric Clement-Evans, Executive committee member for Wales for the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL).

## Aberthaw cement plant investment in local talent

**INVESTMENT in new jobs at Tarmac's Aberthaw Cement Plant has demonstrated the company's commitment to the local area and economy.**

Ten new posts have been created and filled at the works, including

new starters from the local community.

This follows the completion of a £2 million investment programme last year to upgrade processes and equipment at the 100-year-old plant, to update production capabilities for the 21st century.

Aberthaw Cement plant manager, Chris Bradbury, said: "We are

committed to continuing our long history of cement production in Aberthaw, and are investing in both the infrastructure at the plant and in our workforce to do that.

"We are delighted to welcome our new starters to the plant and they are integral to our planning for the future."

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## The Dinas Powys Foodbank's third birthday is marked with £150 donation

IT has been three years since Dinas Powys Foodbank opened its doors to the public.

To mark this event, the chair of the Community Council, Keith Hatton, presented a cheque for £150 raised at his civic service.

Over the years, demand has grown and currently there are 17 volunteers who sort and pack the emergency provisions. The foodbank is based at Bethesda Chapel and is open Wednesday afternoons.

Mr Groves said that the foodbank received 100kg of food from Tesco Cogan donated by customers. Further donations arrive from the Nisa store on Cardiff Road and Dinas Powys Texaco garage. Local churches are also generous in their support.

The foodbank is also grateful to Nightingale Garden Society for its donations of vegetables.

There are three big collections a year when volunteers receive food from customers at Tesco's. The last

collection amassed over 1,000kg of food.

Bethesda Foodbank is also grateful for donated coats, warm clothes and children's clothes.

Dinas Powys Rotary has given donations and provided a stall at the village Dickensian evening.

Coun Hatton said: "There has been a shocking rise in numbers helped in the last 12 months. Things have become worse for many people, especially those on low income. Thanks to foodbanks and to the many residents, local shops and organisations, many families have been assisted."



**ABOVE, right:**  
 Coun Val Hartrey, Mike Groves, co-ordinator, Keith Hatton, chair of Dinas Powys Community Council, Matt Guy, Pat West, Shirley Lewis, Wendy Lidiard, Stuart Hockey, Ann Evans and Carol Hockey.

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# Celebrate Shwmae Su'mae Day!

OCTOBER 15 is the third time Wales will be celebrating Shwmae Su'mae Day and once again a huge variety of activities are being held across the country to encourage everyone to greet each other in Welsh on that day and give Welsh a go.

The aim of the campaign is:

- to make Welsh more prominent and public,
- show that the language belongs to everyone in Wales, regardless of their proficiency,
- and consequently encourage the use of Welsh every day and all year round.

There was an overwhelming response to the first Shwmae Su'mae Day in 2013. Up to a 150 activities took place from the Andes to Wrexham. Schools, businesses, Welsh learner groups and various societies took the day to their hearts, infusing the events with boundless energy.

Menter Bro Ogwr was a part of this, working with local Welsh schools and businesses in both Bridgend and Porthcawl. The campaign is very simple, it is to encourage people to start every conversation in Welsh, simply by saying Shwmae su'mae!

Menter Bro Ogwr are keen to expand this campaign throughout Bridgend this year and we need your support.

- Start every conversation in Welsh on October 15 simply by saying 'Shwmae.'

- Contact Menter Bro Ogwr to receive an activities pack by e-mail,
- Take photos to show us how you're celebrating the day,
- Post your pictures on Facebook and Twitter, tag (@menterbroogwr) and use the hashtags #ShwmaeSumae and #ShwmaePenybont

- Or you can e-mail your pictures to [marged@menterbroogwr.org](mailto:marged@menterbroogwr.org) and we will upload them to the web at the end of the day.

Let us show the world that the people of Bridgend county believe that the Welsh language is something to be proud of and celebrated!

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## Dathluch Diwrnod Shwmae Su'mae!

AR Hydref 15fed, cynhelir y trydydd Diwrnod Shwmae Su'mae ac unwaith eto bydd nifer o weithgareddau yn

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## STUDENTS ARE URGED TO BECOME ENTREPRENEURS

LOCAL entrepreneurs recently visited Cardiff and Vale College to encourage students planning to set up in business.

Georgina Jones, founder of Sing and Inspire, spoke to business students about motivating themselves to establish their own enterprises.

Sing and Inspire is a company that tours workplaces encouraging staff to form choirs – with improved business results.

She has since gone on to create Turn Lights On, an organisation designed to improve people's engagement with each other in order to boost productivity.

"It's important for young people to know that there are entrepreneurs on their doorstep who are doing what they love. I am a big believer in people doing what they love," she said.

David Williams also gave a talk to CAVC Business students. David went from being made redundant to setting up a niche company supplying the Ministry of Defence, and it grew to employ 25 people.

The talks had been organised through Big Ideas Wales, a Welsh Government initiative to encourage young people to take the step of setting up their own businesses.

## Future leaders take centre stage at Local Democracy Week

YOUNG people across the Vale of Glamorgan have been honing their debating skills and fine-tuning their manifestos ahead of this week's Local Democracy Week.

Local Democracy Week aims to encourage young people to take an interest in the decisions that affect their daily lives and in the process perhaps unearth a future First Minister for Wales. But back to the here and now, and the small matter of electing a Youth Mayor to give a voice to young people across the Vale.

This year's election promises to be a keenly-fought contest and students and teachers are staying tight-lipped over the prospects of their respective candidates at this year's election.

Hoping to cross the finishing line in pole position are, Bronwen Lloyd and Daniel Marshall aged 15 from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg and Cowbridge Comprehensive School

respectively, and Rhys Powell, aged 13 from Barry Comprehensive.

They are all serving members of the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Cabinet and Vale Youth Forum.

Commenting on the importance of forthcoming elections the Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore said: "The Vale Council is leading the way in trying to engage with perhaps the next generation of leaders. In 2014 we established the first Youth Cabinet, Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor. Giving a voice and a platform to our young people is important."

"Local Democracy Week proved to be a great success in the Vale last year and is something that's really worth shouting about. I want to wish Bronwen, Daniel and Rhys the very best next week and encourage schools and students across the Vale to get involved and get behind them. Pob lwc – good luck!"

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# Out and About with The GEM

## WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

### Computer classes

THERE will be free computer or tablet tutoring sessions on Thursdays (10am to 12 noon) at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information or just go along.

### Bridge afternoon

A PARTY bridge afternoon with a scrumptious tea takes place today, Thursday, October 15, from 2pm-5pm at St Augustine's Church Hall, Albert Road, Penarth, CF64 1BX.

Tickets (£8) in aid of the RNLI, available from the Lifeboat Shop, Penarth Esplanade, from 10am-12 noon on Friday, October 9, Saturday, October 10, and Monday, October 12.

### AM's surgery

VALE AM Jane Huitt will be holding a surgery on Friday, October 16 from 4pm-5pm at Celtic Way Community Centre, Rhosce.

No appointment necessary.

### Ward councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and town councillors for Buttrills and Court Wards, Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans and Stuart Egan, will be holding their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, October 17 from 10am-11am in the small community room of Barry Library, Kings Square.

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### Dinas concert

THE Dinas Powys Eucemencial 7 are presenting a concert entitled 'Words and Music for Remembrance' on Saturday, October 17 at 7.30pm in the local Parish Hall.

Actress Sian Rivers, originally from Dinas Powys, will read poems and prose by war poets and Dylan Thomas. New Zealand's Kawiti Wakeford, a postgraduate of Denis O'Neill's Wales International Academy of Voice, will perform.

Kawiti was a very popular performer at the Eucemencial 7's New Year's Day concert this year. He will be accompanied by Jane Samuel, a vocal coach at the academy. Tickets, £5, are available from the Parish Hall in Dinas Powys.

### Soroptimists

ON Saturday, October 17, an Anti-slavery Awareness Day is being held.

Soroptimist International Bridgend are holding a coffee morning at The Heronston Hotel, Bridgend from 10am-12.15pm. Guest speakers are Nici Evans, Cardiff Partnership Board and Stephen Evans, anti-slavery co-ordinator Welsh Government. First Minister Carwyn Jones will also attend.

Admission £5 to include refreshments. Craft table. Proceeds to Barnardo's.

Contact sibriddgendsecretary@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 07917 862136 if you would like to attend.

### Free lunchtime music

THE autumn 'Music at Lunchtime' season at All Saints Church in Penarth starts on Monday, October 19 for six weeks.

Concerts will be held every Monday between 1pm and 2pm. Entry to these events is free and concert goers are invited to bring along their own lunch with teas, coffees and cold drinks provided on the gallery.

Fully accessible to disabled people. All Saints Church is the ideal venue for these popular concerts. More information from Dafydd G Jones, the parish administrator on 02920703170 or admin@allsaintspenarth.org.uk. The first recital features a programme of medieval music by Alison Dile and Jeremy.

### Floral society

THE next meeting of the Barry Floral Society will be held at the St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry, at 2.15pm on Tuesday, October 20.

The demonstrator will be Mrs Elizabeth Gordon of Gower with a demonstration entitled 'Sticks and Stems'.

### Ladies club meeting

LLANCRANFAN Ladies Tuesday Club meets on October 20 at 7.45pm when the guest will be Lizbeth Evans of Welsh Hearts, who will talk about the necessities and training for the use of a defibrillator, and the prospect of one being available in the village or providing one for another organisation that cannot afford to purchase one.

This will be an open meeting, all are welcome; refreshments and raffle.

### National Trust

THE October meeting of the Vale Association of National Trust members and volunteers will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, October 21 at the Duke of Wellington, when Mr Peter Carter-Jones will talk on 'The Mystery of Fingerprints explained'. New members are welcome.

### Love to sing?

JOIN us at Cafe 50 next to the community hall in Pontyclun on Tuesdays at 7.15pm.

For information, contact Jan on 01443 222798.

### Scout group book sale

A SECOND hand book sale will take place on Saturday, October 24 from 10.30am to 3.30pm at Cowbridge Scout Hall behind the Sheep Market, Cowbridge.

Fiction and non-fiction books 25p each, children's books 10p each; also bric-a-brac, jigsaws and games. Free entry.

### Barnardo's fundraiser

THE fundraising branch of Barnardo's Bridgend, will be holding a coffee morning at the Heronstone Hotel, Ewenny Road, Bridgend, on Thursday, November 7 at 10.30am.

Among the many stalls will be a cake, jewellery, tombola and soft furnishing. Tickets are £4 at the door.

## THIS DRUG CARTEL THRILLER A TENSE AND ENGROSSING EFFORT

HAVING drawn plenty of praise for his English language directorial debut *Prisoners*, Denis Villeneuve followed that up with the little seen, but highly regarded, *Enemy*.

This time around, Villeneuve tackles the war on drugs in thriller *Sicario*, which sees Emily Blunt's Kate, an FBI agent, recruited to join a shadowy group who are tasked with tracking down a cartel boss in Mexico.

Led by Josh Brolin's Matt, and with Benicio Del Toro's Alejandro lurking in the background, Kate's morals and ideals are tested by the group's relaxed attitude to upholding the law...

Three films into his English-language career, and Denis Villeneuve is on a hot streak that seems hard to stop. His previous films have shown an unerring ability to create tense, atmospheric stories or murky moral compasses, with ideals pushed to the limit in pursuit of achieving a goal.

*Sicario* may tread well-worn ground in its choice of subject matter, but Villeneuve has crafted a film that feels fresh, energetic, and drips with tension. The film asks the questions: Where do you draw the line? And to what lengths would you go to see justice served, even if that justice may not fit your definition of the term?

Emily Blunt's Kate is our eyes into this world, her idealism noble but, in a world where the



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villains of the piece are prepared to play dirty, perhaps a little too well-intentioned. When she teams up with Matt and Alejandro, their murky moral code chafes with her - at what price to get the job done?

It's this constant pull back and forth that grounds the film's story, as 'reveals' slyly pull the audience one way then another.

This appears to be Villeneuve's stock-in-trade, playing with people's ethics and ideals and stripping them back, and he teams this with a wonderful eye - the film looks gorgeous, shot with incredible scope and ambition, in particular, a convoy sequence that slowly ramps up the tension.

Also, a 'third act' raid shot mainly in night and heat vision could have been gimmicky, but

instead just adds to the drama on show.

The cast are uniformly excellent; Emily Blunt may have played her fair share of hardened characters recently, but here she shows a vulnerability, capable of getting her hands dirty, but more concerned with doing the right thing. The chemistry she shares with Josh Brolin's Matt is strong, the actor playing to type as a strong, at-any-costs character, as is the chemistry with Benicio Del Toro's Alejandro, the film's trump card performance-wise.

Quiet, brooding and with more than a few secrets hiding behind his furrowed brow, Del Toro is mesmerizing in a role that builds as the film progresses, and is easily his best performance in quite a while.

It's a pretty dense offering with very little light, Villeneuve focused on creating a mood that doesn't allow for levity, while sometimes he places atmosphere over pace, but these are scraping the barrel for faults in what is a taut and tense piece of work - *Sicario* is absolutely sensational.

**VERDICT:** Another excellent piece of work from Denis Villeneuve - it may even be his best yet - *Sicario* dips its toe into murky waters and tells a story of the corrosion of ideals and morals in order to stop bad things happening. The cast are superb, and Villeneuve's direction oozes tension, in what is one of the films of the year so far. *Essential viewing.*

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Zero Dark Thirty* (2012), *Traffic* (2000).

## Probus Club events

LLANTRISANT and District the NHS'; November 17, Jean Harvey  
*Probus Club meets on the third* on 'Norfolk Island'; December 15,  
*Tuesday of every month from* Sally Maybe on 'Eggheads to  
10.30am to 12 noon at Pontyclun Mastermind'.

*Rugby Club.*

We continue to grow in membership and look forward to a full programme taking us up to the end of the year, which includes talks on October 20 by Rhodri Powell on 'George Clark and

This last talk will be followed by the Christmas buffet for members and wives, so there is something for everyone, come and join us if you are retired.

## New comfy chairs for the cinema

THANKS to the BFI Neighbourhood Cinema Equipment Fund, Dinas Powys Community Cinema has received some very comfy new chairs.

Our audience can sit back in comfort and watch our fantastic films. Coming up for November is *Far from the Madding Crowd* as well as a special event as part of BFI LOVE season.

On November 28, 5pm we'll be screening *Brief Encounter* and the ticket price includes afternoon tea.

For December, we have *Mr Holmes* and the Christmas matinee *Inside Out* on December 12. Tickets are available for all of the films online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/murchfieldcommunitycentre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/murchfieldcommunitycentre) or from the DPVC office at the rear of the hall.

The cinema is run by volunteers at Murchfield Community Centre, Sunnycroft Lane, and screens films on the second Saturday of every month.

For more information, email [murchfieldcommunity@icloud.com](mailto:murchfieldcommunity@icloud.com) or call JUDITH ANDERSON

## Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D900.

● £2,000: 396810.  
● The rollover, which now stands at £1,000 was not won this week.  
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## Vale Bridge

VALE of Glamorgan Bridge Club results are as follows:

First, Liam Sheridan and John Beard 63.54 per cent; 2nd John Evans and Steve Burgoyne 61.88 per cent; 3rd= Marjorie Morris and Linda Pinnock, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones 59.58 per cent.

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**THE sixth Hat Foundation Annual Ball held at the Copthorne Hotel proved a huge success raising around £5,000 for Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth.**

The event was organised by the Sullivan family – Cavan, Deb, and Aimee.

Cavan, who owns Welsh Windows, explained: "I want to say many thanks to all those who attended our sixth annual gala ball in memory of two fantastic men – my Dad, Desy Sullivan, and my very good friend Graham Parker.

"Due to the generous donations of gifts by many companies and individuals, the generous sponsors and those who attended, we will have raised £5,000 for Marie Curie Hospice Care in Penarth.

"The final figure will be announced in the week.

"This event would never be so successful without the help of so many fantastic people.

"The evening started well with harpist Shelley Fairplay who was fantastic. Our compere Norman Pereira was amazing and we could not have managed without him.

"Mike Andrews did a fantastic Robbie Williams tribute and soon had everyone dancing. Duncan Creasey also stepped in with a brilliant Freddie Mercury tribute."

Even Cavan helped with the entertainment!

He said: "As usual, I dreamed up a sketch and made myself look a complete idiot. It's time I stopped this now!"

He added: "Our special thanks go to Ken Sievwright, Mr and Mrs Stevens and Santander all who made generous donations.

"Next year we have had a generous offer from an amazing Welsh singer who was a semi-finalist in Britain's Got Talent!"

As you can see from the photographs, everybody had a wonderful time and is looking forward to next year's event.



# Ogmore MP hopes to swap Westminster for Cardiff Bay

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

"I will, of course, continue to work as hard as ever for Ogmore constituents until the next election, and look forward to giving my full support to my successor as the Labour Party candidate for 2016".

First Minister, Carwyn Jones AM, said: "Jan will be sorely missed from the Labour group in the Assembly. She's

been an absolute rock as Chief Whip – a close friend, trusted confidant, and someone who knows how to get things done.

"It is rare indeed for a politician to be happy to work incredibly hard in order for others to take all the plaudits, but Janice has been totally selfless in her Assembly career, always putting Labour members, local people and the country first.

"I've worked so closely with Jan, both in the Assembly and in local campaigns in our neighbouring seats; it won't be the same without her.

"However, I've little doubt she will still be an active and vocal presence inside Welsh Labour."

Martin Hughes, the secretary of the Ogmore Constituency Labour Party, said: "During the next few months, Ogmore Constituency Labour Party will be working with Wales Labour to select a new candidate

to contest the May 2016 Assembly elections.

"Janice will certainly be a hard act to follow. I would like to offer my personal thanks to Janice for her hard work over many years, and to wish her the very best for the future."

Mr Irranca-Davies has thrown his hat into the ring, saying: "Following Janice's announcement, I have been overwhelmed by the numbers of party members and constituents who have urged me to stand for selection as the Labour candidate for the National Assembly.

"I can confirm that I intend to put my name forward if the opportunity arises. Meanwhile, I will continue to diligently and proudly serve the people of Ogmore as their Member of Parliament.

"I campaigned for the creation of the National Assembly because I believed that the people of

Wales could, and should, take more control of the decisions affecting their lives for themselves.

"As more powers continue to come to Wales, and as the Welsh Government under First Minister Carwyn Jones' leadership grows in strength and confidence and stature, I would welcome the opportunity to bring my experience – as a former Minister and committee chair, as well as Member of Parliament – to the service of my constituents in the Senedd.

"But here and now, I and many others thank Janice for her incredible service to the people of Ogmore and Wales.

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## Acclaimed author Iain Sinclair will be in conversation at the Welsh National Museum

IAIN SINCLAIR, author of *Downriver*, *Lights Out for the Territory* and *Rodinsky's Room*, returned to the landscape of his youth, the Gower, for his new book *Black Apples of Gower*, and rediscovered it through the poetry of Dylan Thomas, Vernon Watkins and the paintings of Ceri Richards.

The Welsh-born author will be in Cardiff to discuss his book at a free event in the Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre at National Museum on Monday, October 19 at 6.30pm (doors open 6pm).

Hosted in partnership by Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales and Cardiff University's School of English, Communication and Philosophy, Iain Sinclair will be discussing his book *Black Apples of Gower: Stone-Footing in Memory Fields* in conversation with Professor Damian Walford Davies.

An enigmatic series of paintings by Ceri Richards, based on the theme of the 'Black Apple of Gower', is the provocation for Iain Sinclair's return to the landscape of his childhood and youth.

Best-known for his journeys through London or the circumnavigations of the M25, here we find him digging into memory files to realise that a series of walks over the same ground, Port Eynon Point to Worm's Head, become bookmarks for the significant stages in his life.

Recollections of a meeting with the poet of place, Vernon Watkins, focus attention on legends of the rocks.

And on the mythology of the eternal return: the dead and the

drowned as unfulfilled witnesses.

Through expeditions over cliffs and elemental wave-cut pavements, Sinclair comes to realise that the defining quest is for access to the Paviland Cave, where the Reverend William Buckland 'discovered' the bones of the Red Lady.

Who, as it turned out, was no lady but a young man put to ground 36,000 years ago – the first recorded ritual burial in these islands. All the threads of the story knot within this potent and still mysterious cavern.

Poet, literary geographer and Chair of Literature Wales, Damian Walford Davies adds: "It's a pleasure to welcome the distinguished author Iain Sinclair to Cardiff to discuss his excavation of the layered Welsh ground of his imagination."

To register your place at this free event, please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lecture-black-apples-of-gower-stone-footing-in-memory-fields-tickets-18821916860?ref=enivtefor001&invite=ODQ5MTkxOC9oZWlkaS5ldmFu>

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# Louis could be a top apprentice!

**A YOUNG man from St Athan, Louis Bowen, has a lot to thank the Military Preparation College for.**

The 17-year-old, who always wanted to join the Army, attended the Bridgend-based college – part of MPCT (Motivational Preparation College Training) – after years of being bullied at school for being overweight, leaving him depressed.

But in the space of a year, Louis' life has been transformed and he is now at Harrogate Army Foundation College doing his basic training before he moves on to a trade with the Royal Logistics.

All this has put him in contention to win a major award at the Apprenticeship Awards Cymru 2015. He is one of three finalists shortlisted in the Traineeship Level One Learner of the Year category at the high profile awards ceremony to be held at the Celtic Manor Resort, Newport on October 29.

The awards celebrate the outstanding achievements of those who have exceeded expectations, shown a dynamic approach to training and demonstrated initiative, enterprise, innovation, creativity and commitment to the improvement of skills development for the Welsh economy.

At college, Louis achieved BTEC Certificate Level 1 success in public services, application and communication. But more than that he grew in confidence, delivering a five-minute testimonial speech to 300 guests, working as part of a team to raise money for the local community and developing skills to complete his Army application form.

This also gave him the motivation to develop his fitness, losing three stones in weight. His first 1.5mile training run took 15 minutes and 20 seconds. He is now five minutes quicker.

Military Preparation College lead instructor Steve Tallis said: "Louis is a prime example of how hard work and dedication can pay off. Since joining the Army, he has returned on every leave to give advice to students."

Louis said: "I was part of a great college that provided all the tools I needed to reach my goals. Bullying had dented my confidence but also gave me more strength to succeed. The college felt like a family."



LOUIS BOWEN

## War poet remembered

**ON Friday, October 30, at 8pm, there will be a discussion of the life of Alun Lewis, the World War Two writer, who died in Burma in 1944.**

It takes place in the 'Green Room' above SUSSE in James Street, Porthcawl. Led by Cary Archard, founder of Seren Books, and editor of Lewis's 'Collected Poems' and 'Collected Stories', this event considers a writer who died too soon.

There will also be readings of Lewis's work, including 'Raiders' Dawn', one of the most poignant poems of World War Two.

Socially aware, Alun Lewis wrote that "The industrialisation of Wales has ruled the Welsh people as tyrannically as Hitler is ruling the continent today".

Alun Lewis was a schoolteacher at Lewis's Boys School, Pengam, and this year is his centenary.

Educated at Cowbridge Grammar School, he fought in Burma with the South Wales Borderers.

Entrance is £3. To be followed by an Open Mic. Further details: Sustainable Wales 01656 783962 or 773627.

## Russian choir at All Saints

**THE Voskresenje Vocal Ensemble, a Russian Chamber Choir from St Petersburg Conservatoire of Music, and Ieuencid Aelwyd Porthcawl gave an outstanding concert at All Saints Church, Porthcawl on Friday, October 9, arranged by the Bridgend County civic charity for the Mayor of the County Borough of Bridgend, Coun Richard Young.**

The chairperson of the charity, Coun Marlene Thomas, welcomed everyone and introduced the compère Mr Jeff Ryan.

In between the two halves, the young members of Aelwyd Porthcawl gave items of Cerdd Dant/Penillion singing as well as traditional Welsh folk songs under the leadership of Llinos Swain, Carys Evans and Catrin Jenkins. Rhianon Dixon introduced the items and announced the forthcoming one-day National Cerdd Dant Festival that will take

place at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl on Saturday, November 14, at which competitors from all over Wales will be in Porthcawl for the weekend.

The vocal ensemble Voskresenje, which translates as Resurrection, was founded by Jurij Maruk in 1993 and currently consists of eight professional female and male vocalists.

This was a concert of two halves. The evening began with sacred music, indisputably some of the most inspirational and moving pieces in the Russian sacred music repertoire.

The opening piece was Rachmaninov's 'In that we have beheld the Resurrection of Christ', followed by three other Rachmaninov pieces, then three Tshesnokov pieces, and the first half finished with Saint-Saens 'Ave Maria'. The second half was a complete contrast with a selection of spectacular Russian

folk songs, exploiting the talents of individual performers, of displaying the extraordinary range of basso-profundo notes associated with the world of Russian Choral Music performed by Artamonov Anatoly, who is one of only two singers in St Petersburg able to reach the lowest notes. The evening concluded with 'Kalinka'.

The choir has performed extensively throughout Russia and also in Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy, Austria and the United Kingdom.

The next charity event is on October 18: "Grand Banquet" at the Golden Well Oriental Restaurant with special guest speaker (Simon Pirotte, principal and chief executive officer at Bridgend College) at 8pm. Tickets £21. Contact: 01656871439 or 01656 664105.

MARI MAJOR

## Photo exhibition

**A GROUP of local photographers will be showing their work at an exhibition in Carnegie House later this month.**

'Four for Four' opens on Monday, October 26.

In early spring 2015, four prominent local photographers were invited to exhibit at sometimes startling Carnegie House.

This exhibition is free discussion, they each decided to invite one other photographer to be part of the show. Four for Four invites you to pore over a wide assortment of images captured mostly around Bridgend and town and borough.

The eight Bridgend photographers displaying work are: Alison McGann, Anthony Stokes, Dan Wood, Jenny Hibbert, Mandy Thomas, Peter Morgan, Tim Wood and Jayne Richards. The result is an array of refreshing, illuminating, and sometimes startling visions of Bridgend. This exhibition is free and runs from Monday, October 26 to Saturday, October 31, 10am-4pm. For details, contact www.carnegiehouse.co.uk or follow them on Twitter: @CHBridgend Facebook: facebook.com/carnegiehouse

## VALE LDP TO BE EXAMINED

**FOLLOWING the submission of the Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan to the Welsh Government on July 24, an independent Planning Inspector has now been appointed to review the plan.**

Welsh Ministers have appointed Mr Richard Jenkins BA (Hons) MSc MRTPI to undertake an examination in public of the council's plan.

A pre-hearing meeting setting out procedural

matters will take place on Thursday, November 19 at 10am in the council chamber at the Civic Offices in Barry.

For further information regarding the LDP examination process or for correspondence with the Planning Inspector, please contact the LDP programme officer by email at the following: programmeofficer@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or by post to The LDP Programme Officer, Dock Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT.



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A regular concert programme in the UK has been maintained since the late '80s – St. David's Day Celebration Concerts, Annual Concerts sponsored by Texaco in St. David's Hall, Cardiff or Brangwyn Hall, Swansea, plus pilgrimages starting in 1987 to St. David's Cathedral, Pembroke, 29 'Summer Concerts' to date. (There was no concert last year as CMDC was in Flanders honouring the memory of the British Expeditionary Force and their sacrifice 100 years ago.) The choir has been hugely fortunate to have secured over the years Conductors and Accompanists of note. Alun John was followed by John Samuel and Alec Brooks, with a major change coming about with the appointment of Haydn James in 1999 – no music copies on stage – meaning the quality of performance

improved even more! D. Eifion Thomas further enhanced Haydn's direction to the point that when the first lady Musical Director of CMDC, Elaine Robins took over, the choir was enjoying its music more and more. Competition success came about under Elaine's guidance and amazingly, piano accompaniment has remained through the choir's history with a Ferndale 'Davies' – originally the late Bryan and since 1993 with daughter Sian. Today the Music Team has been enlarged to include Deputy Accompanist Juliet Rossiter and Cardiff Group Conductor Jo Herco-Thomas acting as Deputy to Elaine Robins.

Jo and the Cardiff Rehearsal Group is ably supported at the piano by Karen Sampson and they are very keen to increase CMDC membership in their area. Fairwater Conservative Club provides an excellent venue with plenty of car-parking and easy access for their regular Tuesday evening rehearsals, with choristers travelling in from not just Cardiff but also as far as Bristol in the east and the Vale in the west. Every three weeks all the practice groups – Cardiff, Resolven, Towy Valley, Narberth and the 'exiles' in Wantage meet for a full choir rehearsal on a Sunday in Cwmavon Community Centre - with all choristers well looked after by the Ladies of Support Group!

New members will be assured of a big welcome and providing a high degree of choral and stage discipline is maintained, then years of comradeship can lie ahead. Some stalwarts have sung with The South Wales Male Choir since America in 1983 and they are still going strong! Founding piano accompanist Bryan Davies said "Music is a serious business, but it's got to be fun". With Côr Meibion De Cymru & friends it is! For further information, join us at Fairwater Conservative Club on Tuesday 20th October at 6.30pm or please telephone our Cardiff Group Contact : Don Surridge on 01446 735437.



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A spokesman explained: "Driving in the winter is very different from other times of the year.

"Adverse weather and longer periods of darkness, especially after the clocks go back at the end of October, makes driving more hazardous.

"Sometimes conditions can be extreme. This means that we need to adapt the way we drive. Different weather conditions

create different hazards throughout the winter and in different areas of the country at different times.

"A single journey may take us into very different weather, road and traffic conditions, so we need to be prepared for each one."

He stressed: "It is a good idea to have your vehicle fully serviced before winter starts and have the anti-freeze tested."

What are the main things you need to have checked before the onset of adverse weather conditions?

**You should ensure that:**

Lights are clean and working.

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Brakes are working well.

Fluids are kept topped up, especially windscreen wash (to the correct concentration to prevent it freezing), anti-freeze and oil.

### PREPARE YOUR JOURNEY

The spokesman said that if a motorist was undertaking a long journey, being prepared was essential.

"Listen to local or national weather broadcasts and travel bulletins – especially for the areas you will be driving through.

"As conditions can change rapidly, check them regularly and be prepared to change your plans if conditions on your route worsen.

"If conditions are very

bad, and the emergency services are recommending that people don't travel, then avoid making your journey unless it is absolutely necessary.

"Can you postpone your trip? Can you travel by other means, or avoid the need for the journey completely by using the phone or email?"

"Of course, what's 'essential' for one person may not be to another; we each have to make our own decisions according to our circumstances.

"But, try to be realistic about which journeys are essential and which ones could be postponed.

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### If you decide you really must travel:

- Let someone know where you are going and what time you hope to arrive, so that they can raise the alarm if you get into difficulties.
- Plan alternative routes in case your main choice of route becomes impassable.
- Keep your fuel tank near to full to ensure that you do not run out.
- Make sure you have a fully-charged mobile phone, so you can call for help or alert someone if you're delayed – it could be a long walk to a phone, if you don't have a mobile phone.
- If you don't have an emergency kit in your vehicle, at least take extra warm clothes, boots and a torch. Consider keeping a couple of long-life energy bars in the glove box.
- Clear your windows and mirrors completely of snow and ice before you set off (make sure the heater is blowing warm air before setting off – it will keep your windscreen clear.)

### Prepare yourself

The ROSPA spokesman said most people have little experience of driving in extreme conditions, such as snow, so the organisation advised people to take some time to consider how it affects their driving.

He urged: "Don't just drive as normal. When was the last time you had any driver assessment or training? This is an ideal time for some refresher training. If your employer provides driver training, take advantage of it."

"Or you can contact the RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders group in your area. To find out which is the nearest to you, go to [www.roadar.org](http://www.roadar.org).

"A lot of us will catch colds or other illnesses during the winter."

"If you're feeling so ill that your driving might be affected, don't take the chance of driving."

### DRIVING IN SNOW OR ICE

If you find yourself driving in snow, or on icy or snow covered roads, ROSPA says you must adapt your driving to the conditions.

The spokesman advised: "Reduce your speed. The chances of skidding are much greater and your stopping distance will increase massively."

"Only travel at a speed at which you can stop within the distance you can see to be clear."

"Speed limits are the maximum in ideal conditions; in difficult conditions, they can often be too fast."

"Avoid harsh braking and acceleration, or sharp steering."

"Always reduce your speed smoothly and in plenty of time on slippery surfaces."

"Slow down in plenty of time before bends and corners."

"Braking on an icy or snow-covered bend is extremely dangerous. The centrifugal force will continue to pull you outwards and the wheels will not grip very well. This could cause your vehicle to spin."

"To brake on ice and snow without locking your wheels, get into a low gear earlier than normal, allow your speed to fall, and use your brakes gently."

"Increase the gap between you and the vehicle in front. You may need up to TEN TIMES the normal distance for braking."

"Keep your vehicle well-ventilated. The car heater turned up full can quickly make you drowsy."

"In snow, stop frequently to clean the windows, wheel arches, lights and number plates."

"Visibility will probably be reduced, so use dipped headlights."

"During wintry weather, road surfaces are often wet and/or covered in frost and ice or snow. But this does not occur uniformly."

"A road will often have isolated patches of frost or ice after most of the road has thawed – this commonly occurs under bridges."

**Getting stuck in snow is a motorist's worst nightmare, so what should you do?**

The spokesman said: "If you get stuck in snow revving your engine to try to power out of the rut will just make the rut worse."

"Instead, move your vehicle slowly backwards and forwards

out of the rut using the highest gear you can."

"If this doesn't work, you may have to ask a friendly passerby for a push or get your shovel out."

The spokesman continued: "If you get caught in a snow drift, don't leave your vehicle. Call your breakdown service or the emergency services and let help come to you."

**Rain reduces a motorist's ability to see and greatly increases the distance required to slow down and stop.**

The spokesman said: "Remember that you will need about twice your normal braking distance."

"Use windscreen wipers, washers and dipped headlights; drive smoothly, and plan your moves in plenty of time."

The spokesman added: "Aquaplaning is caused by driving too fast into surface water. When the tyre tread cannot channel away enough water, the tyres lose contact with the road and your car will float on a wedge of water."

"Aquaplaning can be avoided by reducing speed in wet conditions."

"Having the correct tyre pressure and tyre tread depth will maximise your tyres' ability to maintain their road grip."

"If it happens, ease off the accelerator and brakes until your speed drops sufficiently for the car tyres to make contact with the road again."

### FLOODED ROADS

*How should you tackle roads where flooding has taken place?*

#### The top tips are:

Avoid the deepest water – which is usually near the kerb.

Don't attempt to cross if the water seems too deep.

If you are not sure of the water's depth, look for an alternative route.

If you decide to risk it, drive slowly in first gear but keep the engine speed high by slipping the clutch – this will stop you from stalling.

Be aware of the bow wave from approaching vehicles – operate an informal 'give way' with approaching vehicles.

Remember to test your brakes when you are through the flood.

### FOG

**Avoid driving in fog, unless your journey is absolutely necessary.**

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## VALE MP'S WINDFALL FOR TWO CHARITIES

TWO local charities will share £8,393 after Vale residents donated money to support the 2015 marathon run by Vale MP Alun Cairns.

It is a record amount raised by the Vale MP for pet charity PDSA and Macmillan Cancer Care. Mr Cairns finished as the fastest MP during the run in April. He has now completed his fourth marathon, raising over £20,000 for a number of local charities in the process.

In Barry, the PDSA and Macmillan Cancer Care will benefit from the fundraising. The PDSA provides support for pensioners and means-tested pet care for families across the Vale of Glamorgan unable to access private veterinary care. Shoppers at Waitrose in Barry also donated £800 to the charities.

Mr Cairns said: "I



Funds raised will go to the pet charity PDSA and Macmillan Cancer Care.

am incredibly grateful to everyone that has contributed to two fantastic local charities that help so many local residents.

The amount raised of £8,393 for the PDSA and Macmillan is my highest yet, and it goes to show the generosity of residents of Barry

and the Vale. I am also grateful to Waitrose for their support, and look forward to running again in 2016."

## Archbishop visits local community charity shop



LEFT: The Archbishop at the Pontyclun Community Shop with, from left to right – Janice Mably, Rev Sue Rees, Vanessa Pullman, Mollie Doble and Pat Martin.

A CHARITY shop set up by parishioners nearly 25 years ago to help people in the community welcomed the Archbishop of Wales recently.

Dr Barry Morgan dropped into Pontyclun Community Shop, which was set up as a way of helping people in the village and has seen great success in its quarter of a century. Today, it occupies two units on the high street selling everything from tea-

sets to three-piece suites and is manned by a rota of 38 volunteers.

Open every day apart from Sunday, its annual turnover averages £26,000-£30,000, which all goes to supporting other charities in the town.

Vanessa Pullman, who has worked as the shop manager for the past 16 years, said the demand for second-hand items was as strong as ever.

She said: "It's amazing how quickly we sell stuff – particularly

toys, clothes and furniture. More donations are always welcome."

The Archbishop was shown around by the Rev Sue Rees, priest-in-charge of the Llanharry Benefice. He chatted to volunteers Mollie Doble, Pat Martin and Janice Mably, all parishioners at St Paul's Church who help out one morning a week.

"It gets us out of the house and keeps us busy doing something useful!" said Janice, a retired publican who also serves as the Vicar's Warden.

## WI learn all about murder squad

THE autumn session is already two months gone with two enjoyable meetings although September was a poor turnout at Llanharry WI, with a few members on holiday.

They missed out on celebratory cake and a glass of wine to commemorate 100 years of the WI. The speaker told us about her trip to St Helena and Ascension Island. It seemed like an arduous trek and not much R and R at the end, but certainly different and interesting, and quite humorous at times.

The October meeting was entirely different with an account of life in the murder squad. The speaker

had spent 30 years in the Metropolitan Police and had seen it all. She was based primarily in Chelsea and had met many celebrities, also some very high profile murder cases which had left their mark, especially those of children.

There were lighter and humorous stories as well, and we all tried our hand at solving a case! An informative and thought provoking evening.

Our link meeting at the end of September was entertaining with a theme of the WI 100 years and the War years and a good old sing song.

The next meeting in November has a Christmassy feel to it. Anyone and everyone welcome on November 3 at Llanharry Church Hall at 7.30pm.

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# Jenner Park 3G due to be finished in a month

THE new 3G pitch at Jenner Park in Barry saw its first sporting action last week when Coun Gwyn John, the Vale Council cabinet member for leisure, and Jane Hutt AM, visited to take a look at the work in progress.

The pitch at Jenner Park, which is due to be completed within the next month, will provide a first class facility for players at all levels of the game to use.

Coun John said: "The previous arrangements for managing Jenner Park were simply not sustainable in the

current financial climate. With the cuts being imposed by MPs in Westminster biting deeper and deeper we could not continue to spend a six figure sum each year on maintaining the stadium.

"The easy decision would have been to simply close the doors to Jenner Park for good. Thankfully for all of those that value sport, the Vale of Glamorgan Council had the vision to develop a better facility and new way of managing it that will ensure this historic ground is used for generations to come.

"As promised, we have retained the running track and we will shortly be refurbishing the athletics jumping areas to ensure that the stadium's athletics facilities are of a high standard. Council

officers are also examining alternative sites within the Vale for throwing events."

Also present was Barry Town United AFC manager Gavin Chesterfield who welcomed the new facility saying: "I am lucky enough to have managed this great club for many years and so I have been able to experience playing football in this fantastic stadium every other week.

"What really excites me about this project is that so many others from across the community will now be able to enjoy the feeling of running out here. I'm sure that just like my players, they cannot wait.



ABOVE:  
Pictured (left to right): are Miles Punter, director of environment and housing services, Vale Council, Coun Gwyn John, Jane Hutt AM and Gavin Chesterfield.

## LEE SELBY READY FOR US DEBUT



Lee's the Champ – and he has a belt to prove it!

BARRY'S featherweight world champion Lee Selby (21-1, 8 KOs) is nearing his US debut against former world champion Fernando "Cochulito" Montiel (54-4-2, 39 KOs) in Glendale, Arizona on Wednesday evening – the fight will be shown live on Sky Sports in the UK from 2am on Thursday morning.

Selby is relishing the opportunity of impressing the US fans and believes he can gain a lot of support stateside.

Lee said: "I'm fighting a big name in America and if I do a good job and look good winning, it could change my profile."

"He (Montiel) is a dangerous boxer and I must stay disciplined and not get dragged into a scrap."

The challenge that Selby is faced with is no small task – Montiel is a former three weight world champion with only

four losses in a 60 fight career.

However, many experts believe that the Welshman will be too young, too big and too fresh for the Mexican warrior.

The rewards in front of him if he can beat Montiel promise to be great and unifications with the division's elite beckon.

"Hopefully, I can win and look good. I'd like a big fight with a champion like Leo Santa Cruz."

"I've seen him mention my name and I'd like that fight," said Lee.

Selby has been training in Los Angeles for the past month and is eager to impress with a good performance before going home to spend time with his wife and young daughter.

"I'll be ready for a big piece of cheesecake with my family and my daughter."

"She's 14-months-old and my girlfriend is pregnant, so she can't travel. So I've got a lot waiting for me back home."

## The Vale of Glamorgan Council (ST LYTHANS ROAD AND UN-NAMED LANES, DUFFRYN) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

On 15th October 2015 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (St Lythans Road and Un-named Lanes, Duffryn) (Temporary Closure) Order" 2015.

### SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel in the locations specified in Schedule 2 below.

### SCHEDULE 2

**Location 1** St Lythans Road, from its junction at grid 309418 172000 to the west of Home Farm and continuing in a northeasterly direction to the junction with Duffryn Lane at grid 309909 172270. A distance of approximately 580m.

**Alt Route** Diversions for south west bound traffic during the above closure will be signed from the point of closure in a generally northerly direction along Dyffryn Lane to its junction with the A48 at St Nicholas and turning left onto the A48, then proceeding in a generally westerly direction its junction with Sycamore Cross, then turning left onto the A4226 Five Mile Lane (Waycock Road) and continuing along this road, to the junction at grid 307863 171534 adjacent to a property known as Whitton Lodge and turning right, then proceeding in a north easterly direction to the end of the closure at grid 309418 172005, and visa-versa.

**Location 2** The un-named lane that extends in a generally north easterly direction from the junction at grid 308830 170490 adjacent to a property known as Northcliff Rise, to the junction at grid 309416 172000, to the west of a property known as Home Farm.

**Alt Route** Diversions for south west bound traffic during the above closure will be signed from the point of closure in a generally south westerly direction from Holm Farm along the un-named lane to the A4226 Five Mile Lane (Waycock Road) to the junction at grid 307863 171534 adjacent to a property known as Whitton Lodge and turning left, then proceeding in a southerly direction to the junction at grid 308021 170578 adjacent to Northcliff Cottage, then turning left and continuing on to the southern end of the closure, and visa-versa.

**Location 3** The un-named lane that extends in a generally easterly direction from the junction with A4226 The Five Mile Lane (Waycock Road) at grid 308021 170578 adjacent to a property known as Northcliff Cottage, to the junction at grid 308830 170490, to the west of a property known as Northcliff Rise. A distance of approximately 840m.

**Alt Route** Diversions for eastbound traffic during the above closure will be signed from the point of closure in a generally northerly direction along the A4226 Five Mile Lane (Waycock Road) to the junction at grid 307863 171534 adjacent to a property known as Whitton Lodge and turning right, then proceeding in a north easterly direction to the junction at grid 309418 172000 adjacent to Home Farm, then turning right and continuing on to the eastern end of the closure, and visa-versa.

**Reason** To allow for essential water main renewal works to take place.

**Duration** From 08:00hrs on Monday 19th October 2015, for a maximum period of 18 months.

It is intended to implement this closure in three stages as above and it is expected that this work will be completed by 31 January 2016 (it is anticipated that no road closures will be in place over the Christmas period)

NB Access for residents will be maintained at all times though access through the road works for emergency vehicles cannot be maintained.

Pedestrian access shall be maintained at all times.

Dated this 15th day of October 2015.

Mr. M.E. Punter  
Director of Environment & Housing  
Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
The Alps Depot,  
Wenvoe, CF5 6AA.



## Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2014 (ST LYTHANS ROAD A FFYRDD DIENW, Y DYFFRYN) (CAU'R FFORDD DROS DRO) GORCHYMYN 2015

Ar 15 Hydref 2015 bu i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg gyhoeddi Gorchymyn, yn unol â'i bwerau o dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffordd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd), ac efaith hyn fydd i'r gweithredoedd a ddisgrifir yn yr atodiadau isod gael eu cyflawni:

Teitl y Gorchymyn fydd "Gorchymyn Cau'r Ffyrrdd Dros Dro Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (St Lythans Road a Ffyrrdd Dienw, y Dyffryn)" 2015.

### ATODIAD 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel in the locations specified in Schedule 2 below.

### ATODIAD 2

**Lleoliad 1** St Lythans Road, o'i chyffordd ar gyfeirnod grid 309418 172000 i ochr orllewinol Home Farm a chan barhau i gyfeiriad y gogledd-ddwyrain i'r gyffordd â Duffryn Lane, cyfeirnod grid 309909 172270, pellter o tua 580m.

**Ffordd Amgen** Tra bydd y ffordd uchod ar gau, bydd arwyddion gwyrdd trafiff sy'n teithio i'r de-orllewin yn cael eu gosod o'r pwynt lle mae'r ffordd yn cau i gyfeiriad y gogledd yn fras, ar hyd Dyffryn Lane hyd at ei chyffordd â'r A48 yn Sain Nicias. Bydd y gwyrdd yn golygu troi i'r chwith ar yr A48, dilyn y ffordd tua'r gorllewin hyd at y gyffordd â Sycamore Cross, yna troi i'r chwith ar A4226 Five Mile Lane (Waycock Road) a pharhau ar y ffordd hon hyd at y gyffordd ar gyfeirnod 307863 171534 ger eiddo a elwir Whitton Lodge a throi i'r dde, yna parhau i'r gogledd-ddwyrain nes cyrraedd pen y gweithfeydd sy'n cau'r ffordd ar gyfeirnod grid 309418 172005, ac i'r gwrthwyneb.

**Lleoliad 2** Y lôn ddienw sy'n estyn tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â'r cyfeirnod grid 308830 170490 ger llaw eiddo a elwir Northcliff Rise, i'r gyffordd â'r cyfeirnod grid 309416 172000, i'r gorllewin o eiddo a elwir Home Farm.

**Ffordd Amgen** Tra bydd y ffordd uchod ar gau, bydd arwyddion gwyrdd trafiff sy'n teithio i'r de-orllewin yn cael eu gosod o'r pwynt lle mae'r ffordd yn cau tua'r de-orllewin o Home Farm ar gyd y lôn ddienw hyd at yr A4226 Five Mile Lane (Waycock Road) i'r gyffordd â'r cyfeirnod grid 307863 171534 ger eiddo a elwir Whitton Lodge a throi i'r chwith. Yna parhau tua'r de hyd at y gyffordd â'r cyfeirnod grid 308021 170578 ger Northcliff Cottage, yna troi i'r chwith a pharhau nes cyrraedd pen deheuol gweithfeydd sy'n cau'r ffordd, ac i'r gwrthwyneb.

**Lleoliad 3** Y lôn ddienw sy'n estyn tua'r dwyrain o'r gyffordd â'r A4226 Five Mile Lane (Waycock Road) a chyfeirnod grid 308021 170578, ger eiddo a elwir Northcliff Cottage, i'r gyffordd â'r cyfeirnod grid 308830 170490, ar ochr orllewinol eiddo a elwir Northcliff Rise, pellter o tua 840m.

**Ffordd amgen** Tra bydd y ffordd uchod ar gau, bydd arwyddion gwyrdd trafiff sy'n teithio tua'r dwyrain yn cael eu gosod o'r pwynt lle mae'r ffordd yn cau tua'r gogledd ar hyd yr A4226 Five Mile Lane (Waycock Road) hyd at y gyffordd â'r cyfeirnod grid 307863 171534 ger eiddo a elwir Whitton Lodge a throi i'r dde, yna parhau tua'r gogledd-orllewin i'r gyffordd â'r cyfeirnod grid 309418 172000 ger Home Farm, yna troi i'r dde a pharhau hyd nes cyrraedd pen dwyreiniol y gweithfeydd, ac i'r gwrthwyneb.

**Rheswm** Cynnal gwaith adnewyddu hanfodol ar y prif bibellau dŵr. Hyd O 08:00 dydd Llun 19 Hydref 2015 am gyfnod o ddim hirach na 18 mis.

Y bwriad ydy gweithredu'r cau'r ffordd mewn tri cham fel uchod. Disgwylir i'r gwaith gael ei gwblhau erbyn 31 Ionawr 2016 (nid oes disgwyl i bydd y ffordd ar gau o gwbl dros gyfnod y Nadolig)

DS Bydd mynediad i breswylwyr bob amser, er na ellir gwarantu mynediad agored drwy'r gweithfeydd ffordd i gerbydau argyfyng.

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Dyddiedig y 15 diwrnod hwn o fis Hydref 2015

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# MAYOR'S CHARITY GOLF DAY RAISES TOTAL OF £4,791 FOR GOOD CAUSES

**A sun-drenched Cottrell Park golf resort recently hosted the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan's Charity Golf Tournament.**

The event was a resounding success raising the record sum of £4791.95 for the RNLI Barry Dock Lifeboat charity and the St Vincent de Paul Society.

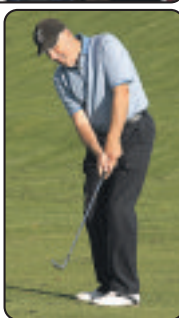
The star of the tournament was without doubt the brand new A Class Mercedes, kindly and generously sponsored by Mr Andrew Sinclair of the Sinclair Motor Group.

The car was the prize on offer for any golfer who could score a 'hole in one'. Sadly, and despite a few close efforts, no-one managed this feat. Of all the competitors the Mayoress of Cowbridge, Lorraine Pointon-Belle, came closest with an exceptionally straight drive. The Mayor,

Councillor Fred Johnson, would like to thank Cottrell Park Golf Club and their team for their generosity, the Vale of Glamorgan Council for their support, Mr Andrew Sinclair and Mr Ken Sievwright of KCS Transport Ltd for such generous sponsorship, all those who generously donated auction and raffle prizes, and most importantly the good humoured golf teams who made the day.

It is hoped that the tournament will become an annual event.

*The Mayor would also like to thank John O'Beirne for his excellent photographs which among others show him with Mr Andrew Sinclair and Cowbridge Mayoress Lorraine Pointon Belle (standing to the left of the Mayor in the top image).*



# RHOOSE LIFEGUARDS JUNIORS TAKE THE TITLE AT WELSH CHAMPIONSHIPS



**FOLLOWING** an enjoyable week at the SLSGB Championships in Exmouth, the junior, senior and masters teams from Rhose Lifeguards made the slightly shorter journey to compete at the Surf Lifesaving Wales Championships.

Held this year at Porthcawl, the teams were eager to build on their successes from the national championships only a week before.

The Masters competition had originally been scheduled as a stand-alone event several weeks before, but had to be postponed due to poor weather and sea conditions.

Fortunately the weather and conditions at Porthcawl were much more favourable and the competition got underway with many families and supporters attending to cheer on the teams.

Many medals were won throughout the competition with individual 'Welsh champion' gold medals being awarded to Heddu Davies, Jon Foster and Andy Wiggins from the masters team and Declan Ewington, Millie Wiggins, Kelsea Peterson,

Alex Parry, Ellie Peterson and Jason Grice from the junior team.

## INDIVIDUAL AGE CATEGORY MEDAL WINNERS

**Juniors:** Declan Ewington - gold surf swim, gold ski race, gold ocean man, bronze board; Oliver Wong - silver ski race; Kelsea Peterson - silver surf swim, gold ski race, gold ocean lady, silver beach flags, silver beach sprint, gold board; Finn Rees - bronze surf swim; Millie Wiggins - gold beach sprint; Brooke Peterson - silver beach sprint; Lauren Blake - silver ski race, silver ocean lady, silver board; Kathryn Gardner - bronze ski race;

**Masters:** Heddu Davies - bronze surf swim, silver board, gold beach sprint, gold beach flags, gold beach run; Sarah Bryant - bronze board, silver ocean lady; Melissa Downton - silver beach sprint; Andy Wiggins - gold beach sprint; Jon Foster - gold beach run, silver beach sprint, bronze beach flags.

**Seniors:** Tanara O'Neill - silver ski race, silver ocean lady, bronze board; Kelsea Peterson - bronze ski race, silver beach flags, bronze beach sprint,

gold board.

Many more medals and trophies were awarded through the day for team events.

The masters finished their competition in a very respectable fourth place, the seniors in fourth place out of the 15 teams with the junior team winning the championships, coming first out of the 14 teams competing.

Well done to all who competed and the families who turned up to support the event and everyone who helped with marshalling duties.

Many congratulations to the Welsh champions junior team and to coaches Steve and Sarah for all of their hard work over the summer season. Well done everyone!

JP

## Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 The Town & Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (Regulation 23) Notice of Independent Examination for a Local Development Plan VALE OF GLAMORGAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011-2026

The Welsh Ministers have appointed Mr Richard Jenkins BA (Hons) MSc MRTPI to undertake an Examination in Public of the Council's Plan.

A Pre Hearing Meeting setting out procedural matters will take place at 10am on Thursday 19th November 2015 in the Council Chamber in the Civic Offices in Barry.

The Hearing Sessions part of the Examination will take place from 11th January 2016 and the Programme Officer will contact all consultees who have been identified to speak at individual Hearing Sessions with invitations and timetables sent out in due course.

The format of the Examination will be a matter for the Inspector.

Those making representations seeking to change the Deposit LDP (i.e. objections) whose representations met the requirements specified in the notice at the deposit stage have a right to appear before and be heard by the Inspector at the Examination (Section 64[6] of the 2004 Act).

Further information is available from Mrs Sarah Knevett, Programme Officer, who can be contacted by:

- e-mail at: programmeofficer@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
- or by telephone on: 01446 704610
- or in writing to: Programme Officer, The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Subway Road, Barry, CF63 4RT.

The LDP Examination web page contains published details of the Vale of Glamorgan LDP Examination and will be updated regularly through the Examination process. This provides access to the LDP submission documents/evidence base, Examination Documents and all other up-to-date information.

The LDP Examination web page can be accessed on the Council's website at: [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/ldp](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/ldp)

**Marcus Goldsworthy**  
(Head of Regeneration and Planning)



## Deddf Cynllunio a Phrynu Gorfodol 2004 Rheoliadau Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Cynllun Datblygu Lleol) (Cymru) 2005 (Rheoliad 23) Hysbysiad o Archwiliad Annibynnol ar gyfer Cynllun Datblygu Lleol CYNLLUN DATBLYGU LLEOL BRO MORGANNWG 2011-2026

Mae Gweinidogion Cymru wedi penodi Mr Richard Jenkins BA (Anrh) MSc MRTPI i gynnal Archwiliad Cyhoeddus o Gynllun y Cyngor.

Caiff Cyfarfod Cyn y Gwrandawriad yn nodi materion gweithdrefnol ei gynnal am 10am ddydd Iau 19 Tachwedd 2015, yn Siambr y Cyngor yn Swydddydd Dinesig y Barri.

Caiff y Sesiynau Gwrandawriad yn rhan o'r Archwiliad eu cynnal o 11 Ionawr 2016. Bydd y Swyddog Rhaglen yn cysylltu â'r holl ymgyngoreion a nodwyd i siarad mewn Sesiynau Gwrandawrio unigol a chaiff gwahoddiadau ac amserlenni eu dosbarthu maes o law.

Mater i'r Archwilydd fydd penderfynu ar fformat yr Archwiliad.

Mae gan y sawl sy'n gwneud sylwadau i geisio newid y Cynllun Datblygu Lleol ar Adnau (h.y. gwrthwynebwyr) y gwnaeth eu sylwadau fodloni'r gofynion a nodwyd yn yr hysbysiad ar y cam adnewid yr hawl i ymddangos gerbron yr Archwilydd a chael eu clywed ganddo yn ystod yr Archwiliad (Adran 64[6] o Ddeddf 2004).

Gallwch gael rhagor o wybodaeth gan Mrs Sarah Knevett, Swyddog Rhaglen trwy:

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## Phoenix in control at Seven Sisters

**PENCOED** Phoenix returned from the Dulais Valley with this fine victory under their belts against a formidable home side, who led 7-0 before Phoenix executed their game plan well, aided by the pitch side promptings of new coach Alun Reynolds.

This bonus point win away from home is all anyone could ask for and Phoenix will take great confidence from this fine performance against a big home pack.

Phoenix full back Jade Mullen got a brace of tries, with Amy Stevens and Nerys Lloyd also crossing the whitewash, Rhianydd Morgan adding three conversions.

Phoenix are delighted with the recognition of three of their squad members at regional

### Seven Sister Ladies Pencoed Phoenix

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level. Natalie O'Shea has been chosen for the Cardiff Blues squad, with Welsh International Melissa Clay and Lowri Reeves representing the Ospreys.

This Sunday, Pencoed Phoenix host Bargoed in National League Division One.

Pencoed Phoenix girls under-15s and under-18s experienced mixed match day fortunes against Gilfach Goch and Nelson respectively.

The newly-formed under-15 side won a well-contested match by 27 points to 14. Phoenix hooker Jade Thomas led the try scorers with a determined hat-trick of tries, with Emily Carmody and Olivia Evans also getting tries. Rosy Carr adding one conversion.

For Gilfach, Zara Christopher and Megan

Willan got tries, with Demi Williams adding two conversions.

Pencoed Phoenix girls under-18s gave their all throughout but the more physically developed visitors' pack dominated most of the possession. Nelson tries came from Nicole Spriggs, sisters Fionne and Teegan Pinch, Brooke Morris, Ebony Tedstone, Eve Jones, and Lea Link. Imogen Shide added two conversions.

The early loss through injury of the influential Amy Morgan compounded Phoenix problems and, despite their best efforts, the maturity of the visitors was clearly advantageous.

For Phoenix, talented half backs Kayleigh Powell and Megan Whittaker did well against the odds.

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## Plenty of action from under-10s

**BRIDGEND Sports under-10s** faced Tondy, in what was their second game of the season.

The game was played with eight players a side on a wide open pitch. Both sides began to play some delightful rugby as they looked to move the ball along the line, but as so often happens at this level, they could not retain the ball at key stages.

Bridgend Sports scored first. Iestyn John broke free, found space out wide and was tackled close to touch. From the ruck, the ball was worked along the line for Callum Lewis to score.

Tondy attacked from the restart, but were halted by good tackling from Callum Lewis, Dewi Worrall, Dylan Morgan, Iestyn John and Joel Rogers.

They broke play up very effectively as the game became a little scrappy. Tondy persevered and were rewarded with a try when Jack Boobyer cut a line through the home side defence to equalise.

With the game approaching half time and both sides making handling errors, it was left to Joel Rogers to make the break-through when he set off on a run to score for the Sports to take a 2-1 lead.

In the second half, the home side continued where they left off and raced into a 5-1 lead. The first try was scored by Ben King. He set off charging at the Tondy defence, off-loaded to Callum Lewis who made

ground before he returned the pass for Ben to power over.

The next try was the best of the morning. Morgan Edwards received the ball five metres in from the touch line, 10 metres in his own half, he set off on a run, straightened, then turned the defender inside out to score out wide.

The fifth try was scored when the Sports turned over ball on their own try line. Joel Rogers made ground, passed to Tom Chick in space out wide and he showed his pace, running the length of the field to score.

Tondy had a never say die attitude and fought to the end which paid dividends. They pressured the home team into errors and ran ball to hit back with two tries. A second was scored by Jack Boobyer, then Dylan Edwards scored to close the gap. The Sports kept battling to secure the win and in doing so bounced back from last week's defeat to Nantyllyon.

The Sports team continues to develop and learn some challenging aspects of the game in the contact and ruck areas. The team spirit is continuing to grow as all squad members are provided with game time each week. Next week the team are away to Pontyclun. New players are always welcome at training every Wednesday at the Bandstand Field, 6pm.

SP

## Cowbridge dig in for bonus point victory

**COWBRIDGE** welcomed league leaders Cefn Coed to the Athletic Field last Saturday and got off to an excellent start with a Ben Wright penalty in the first minute.

As both sides settled down, Cefn started going through the phases and some resolute Cowbridge defence saw them clear their lines on a couple of occasions. However, after 15 minutes, the sustained pressure told and a loose clearance kick was returned into the home 22 and Cefn's centre won the race for a touchdown in the corner.

Livewire scrumhalf Richie Howson started to bring the home pack into the game and inspire some good driving runs from the forwards, but many attacks were spoiled by a series of unforced errors and the teams swapped penalties to bring an end to the half with Cowbridge trailing 6-8.

The second half was an exciting affair, although starting badly with Cefn's outside cutting through some lacklustre tackling from the kick off to send his second row over in the corner.

The home response was immediate, with the ball moved wide to wing Alex Guard from a scrum. His deft chip to the corner saw the bounce beat the defenders, and himself, only for home captain Huw Lougher to pounce on the loose ball for a try.

Both sides were attacking and counter attacking with Cefn scoring next, driving over in the corner to restore their seven-point lead. Cowbridge started to build some pressure and a late tackle led to a yellow card for Cefn's centre. Whilst Wright missed the penalty, the referee ordered a retake following some movement by Cefn, but unfortunately for Ben he missed that one too!

From the 22 restart, the ball was gathered by centre Ash Thomas who set off on a mazy run from his own half, defying the odds and about six defenders to score a fantastic solo effort in the corner, which was then expertly converted by Wright, tying the scores at 18-all on the hour mark.

Cowbridge were on a roll and five minutes later, some quickly recycled ball saw Arron Glasser break down the left before passing inside to the supporting Lougher and the ball was moved back across the field for Dai Griffiths to go over in the right hand corner.

From the kick-off, the ball was gathered by Rhod Walker, who set the forwards running out of defence, with Howson taking it on before feeding Glasser, who raced over for a well-deserved try, and securing the bonus point.

Cefn hauled themselves back into the game and their No 8 crashed over with five minutes to go for their fourth try and they kept up the pressure on the Cowbridge line for the last few minutes.

To the credit of the home pack, in particular the front row of John Phillips, Connor Boys and Rhys Reed, they rallied well to defend a couple of driving line outs and a final scrum to seal a great bonus point win and an excellent team performance.

*This Saturday the boys travel to Wattstown (1pm KO) for the second round of the SWALEC Bowl and the following Saturday it's off to Abercwmboi, and home to Canton on November 7.*

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## Hockey Club remains unbeaten in League

**Penarth 4, Swansea City 3**

**AFTER** two games on the road and six points to show for their travails, Penarth's First XI finally returned home for their first league game in Penarth for many a year.

Looking to build on their strong start and turn their new pitch into a fortress, the home team could not have wished for sterner opposition as they welcomed a strong Swansea City side yet to concede a goal in competition this season.

After a cagey opening, it was Penarth who appeared to be getting a foothold in the game, only for Swansea to break the deadlock against the run of play. An unfortunate deflection caught the home defence wrong-footed and left a Swansea striker one-on-one with goalkeeper Mark Harris before calmly finishing from close range.

Buoyed by their goal, Swansea started to enjoy a greater share of possession but, pressing for a second goal, it was the visitors' turn to find themselves on the wrong end of a counter-attack. Penarth captain Tom Haran intercepted a shot at goal, before dribbling the ball out wide and finding Chris Baker with a pass down the right hand touchline. Baker then drifted past a few defenders in his customary fashion before firing a square ball for David Joyce to tap home the equaliser.

The game proceeded to swing back in Penarth's favour, and possession turned into a succession of penalty corners. It seemed only a matter of time before Laith El-Khatib would find the back of the net, but he was thwarted time and again by an excellent Swansea keeper. One such save parried the ball to a Swansea defender and, two passes later, the ball was in the back of the Penarth goal to leave the Bears stunned on the stroke of half-time.

After some inspirational words from player-coach Ben Croxall, the home side came out fighting, and levelled the scores almost immediately with Baker again the provider, this time keeping it in the family as he found older brother Rich unmarked to add a goal to his 'man of the match' performance.

Swansea refused to give into mounting pressure, however, and remained a constant threat before their perseverance paid off with another goal on the counter attack.

With time ticking away and possession now balanced, it seemed that the game was not going to provide the result Penarth wanted to mark the occasion but, with less than ten minutes on the clock, Joyce stepped up for a short corner and rifled a bullet of a shot into the bottom corner to carry on his impressive run of goals.

With the wind in their sails, the Bears struck again minutes later, this time with Rhys Evans getting the faintest of touches from a tight angle to leave the Swansea 'keeper red-faced. With the game almost over, Penarth shut up shop to steal victory from the jaws of defeat and confirm their place in a four-way tie at the top of De Cymru and The Marches One.

Goalscorers: David Joyce (2), Rich Baker, Rhys Evans.

**Penarth 'A' 3, Whitchurch D 0** **LIKE** the Firsts, Penarth's Second XI also played their first league game at their new home and, having turned out to watch the senior side's winning performance, were determined to follow suit and build on their opening victory against Llanishen and Caerphilly.

After playing a good passing game in week one, the home side were keen to spread the ball across the wide Stanwell pitch and, more importantly after the last-minute frustration of the previous fixture, keep a clean sheet.

Despite some absences, the defence was boosted by the return of former club stalwart Jamie Davidson and, from the very first minute, the way he stamped his authority on the game along with centre back partner; James Davies, was key to beginning attacks from the back.

Penarth's pressure quickly led to penalty corners and they were unlucky not to score with a well-placed flick which shaved the outside of the post, while the awareness of a young Whitchurch goalkeeper denied other opportunities.

Penarth weren't to be kept waiting much longer, however and, after a mazy run, Dave Kidby reached the goal-line before crashing the ball home from what seemed an impossible angle - much to the joy of the Penarth team and their supporters.

There was no resting on laurels either and, right from the restart, Penarth maintained their intensity, applying further pressure and winning another penalty corner. This time, after an initial save from the keeper, Penarth captain Matthew Birch was on hand to fire a trademark slapshot past the remaining defenders and into the net.

The two-goal lead allowed the Bears breathing space to play possession hockey, with wing backs Tom Parkinson and Graeme Jones often supplying the final pass into the D, as Whitchurch was forced to defend against wave after wave of Penarth offense. The resistance could not last forever, though, and, after some good work from Matt Noble down the right, Chris McCarthy dove head first to bravely put the ball past the Whitchurch keeper and extend the home side's advantage.

It remained 3-0 at half-time, and the Penarth gameplan for the second period focused on keeping possession and building confidence as the game went on. Will Romain and Sam Salisbury linked up well down the left, and were unlucky not to get on the scoresheet when a long ball from defence rebounded off a post, causing all kinds of havoc in the Whitchurch D.

On the rare occasion the Penarth defence was tested, Whitchurch had goalkeeper Adam Putt to contend with, the newcomer often clearing the ball to another Penarth player, ready to launch another attack. Dave Watkins again worked tirelessly in midfield, creating many chances for the Bears, but there was to be no further addition to the scoreline. With 15 minutes to go, the formation was changed

and Penarth killed the game off, often playing their best hockey and keeping the ball for minutes at a time.

With the 3-0 final result, Putt and his defenders collected the clean sheet they should have had the previous week, but it was a solid performance from all involved as the Vale side moved into a three-way tie for top spot in De Cymru 2.

Goalscorers: Dave Kidby, Matt Birch, Chris McCarthy.

### Penarth Veterans v Wales O-55s v Satellite

**PENARTH'S Veterans' side returned to action for the first time after its summer foray to Stratford-upon-Avon, hosting a triangular tournament at Stanwell School involving the Wales O-55 side and Satellite, an invitational veterans team from London and the Home Counties.**

The first game between Penarth and Wales, was a closely-fought affair and the hosts more than held their own for three of the match's four quarters. The final period, however, saw Wales' extra fitness tell and the international side ran out 4-1 winners.

Penarth remained on the field for the second of the day's three games, and the calls made on the side's fitness proved to be a bridge too far as they faced an extremely skilful and well-drilled Satellite team. As a result, it proved to be a largely one-sided game, with the visitors running out easy 8-1 winners.

That result set up an intriguing winner-takes-all denouement as Satellite stayed on for the final match against Wales, and it was testimony to the skill and fitness of the nomadic outfit that they were able to defeat the internationals 5-1 in a game that was evenly contested, despite the lopsided scoreline.

With the physical exertions over, all three sides decamped to Penarth Athletic Club for refreshment and deep, but friendly, analysis of what had proven to be a very enjoyable afternoon.

Both First and Second XIs are away this weekend, with the senior side travelling across the capital to take on Cardiff University and the Seconds heading west to looking to make it three from three. The newly-reformed Third XI is also in action, getting a second bite at opening its league season with a double-header weekend that follows a home game against Bridgend with a re-arranged fixture in Lampeter on Sunday.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability. Training takes place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7.15pm and 8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact either player-coach Ben Croxall (b\_croxall20@yahoo.co.uk) or club secretary Dave Stevens (d\_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

### ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

## Wins for Tim and Evan

**V**ALE trainers Tim Vaughan and Evan Williams both saddled winners at the recent Ludlow National Hunt meeting.

Tim's *Uncle Tone*, ridden by M G Nolan, won the two miles, five furlongs hurdle, finishing 12 lengths ahead of the favourite *Samtu* and Evan's *Still Believing*, partnered by Adam Wedge, took the two miles, seven furlongs and 174 yards handicap hurdle by four-and-a-half lengths from the co-favourite *Jean Fleming*. *Uncle Tone* was a 3-1 chance and *Still Believing* went off at odds of 8-1.

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## New homes at Old Station Yard, St Athan



Artist's impression

**Newydd Housing Association together with The Vale of Glamorgan Council announces the new development of nineteen properties in St Athan.**

The development will consist of:

- six, one-bedroom flats (rent £80.70 plus service charge);
- nine, two-bedroom houses (rent £98.04 plus service charge); and
- four, three-bedroom houses (rent £105.64 including service charge).

Newydd Housing Association is committed to providing a safe and sustainable environment and will be asking for references and carrying out interviews with prospective tenants to achieve the full potential for these new developments.



Expressions of interest are invited from Homes4U members with a local connection to St Athan (local work, family or life connections).

A local lettings policy applies to this scheme.

For further information and an application pack, contact the Council's Housing Strategy Team on **01446 709237**.

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### **Llyswoerney £498,000**

An attractive, detached cottage retaining many character features. Accommodation includes living room with inglenook fireplace, dining room, sitting room, fitted kitchen, conservatory, cloak/WC, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, 3 further bedrooms and family bathroom. Outside lawned areas, sizeable off-road parking, further amenity land and double garage. EPC Rating - F



### **Graig Penllyn £480,000**

A pretty, detached 19th Century extended cottage set within mature gardens and woodland. Accommodation includes three reception rooms, conservatory, kitchen, utility room, shower room/WC, four bedrooms and family bathroom. Double garage. Driveway parking. EPC Rating - F



### **Llanmaes £599,000**

A spacious residence with gardens and pasture land extending to approx 5.5 acres, set in a semi-rural location with convenient access to main roads. Hall, lounge, kitchen, dining room, utility room, four bedrooms, an en-suite shower room and a bathroom. Sizeable attic (approx 65ft long). Detached building used as a snooker/games room with workshop. EPC Rating - E



### **Penmark £435,000**

An Individually designed detached house situated in an attractive Vale village. Well presented accommodation with two reception rooms, dining hall and four bedrooms, family bathroom and two en-suites. The property benefits from brand new double glazing. Twin garage. Rear garden with southerly orientation. EPC Rating - D



### **Cefn Cribwr £499,500**

An attractive cottage, with accommodation including a wealth of character features, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, utility, shower room, three sizeable bedrooms, with potential to create a 4th bedroom, family bathroom. Mature gardens, stable block, pasture land and ground extending to approximately 4 acres and enjoying some spectacular, far reaching views. EPC Rating - F



### **Bridgend £220,000**

A traditional, semi-detached house, in the popular residential area of Ewenny Rd, Bridgend, within level walking distance of the town centre. Well proportioned accommodation comprising two living rooms, kitchen/dining room, downstairs cloakroom three bedrooms and two shower rooms. Front and rear garden. EPC Rating - D



### **Pencoed £159,950**

An attractive three bedroom semi detached house. Well presented accommodation consists of lounge, fitted kitchen/diner, downstairs w.c, master bedroom with en-suite, 2 further bedrooms and family bathroom. Garden to front and lawned garden with patio area to rear. Garage and parking. EPC Rating - C



### **Llanharry £254,950**

Well positioned four double bedroom house with integral garage, driveway parking gardens to front and rear. Briefly comprising lounge, dining room/sitting room, w.c kitchen, four double bedrooms with en-site shower off the master, family bathroom. Viewing recommended. EPC Rating - D



### **Creigiau £355,000**

A substantially extended five bedroom detached property providing an ideal family home in the highly popular village of Creigiau. The property boasts very spacious accommodation to include 3 reception rooms, large conservatory and kitchen/breakfast room. An excellent size private rear garden and garage further compliment this property. EPC Rating - D



### **Cowbridge £595 pcm**

A well appointed first floor flat within walking distance of Cowbridge town centre. The accommodation comprises a good size living room, comprehensively fitted kitchen, two Bedrooms and a modern bathroom. The flat benefits from being recently refurbished throughout. Occupation is available immediately.



### **Cowbridge £12,000 pa**

The property comprises a two storey commercial premises with storage unit to the ground floor and self contained office accommodation to the first floor. Conveniently located on North Road, just off the main thoroughfare in the affluent market town of Cowbridge.



### **Land at Talygarn £775,000**

A single parcel of bare land equating to approximately 115.5 acres. The land can be described as 71.45 acres of high quality pasture suitable for grazing and mowing in addition to 30.23 acres of low-lying summer grazing. 2 blocks of amenity woodland total 13.83 acres. The property has direct access onto the A4222 between the villages of Ystradowen and Talygarn.

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### Sales



**Beaconsfield £110,000**

Purpose built 1st floor split level apartment with stunning views. Found in excellent order throughout. 2 generous bedrooms - built in wardrobes to the both, bathroom/w.c. - shower, spacious lounge and a modern kitchen/breakfast room - built in oven & hob. Benefiting from upvc double glazing, electric heating, single viewing highly recommended. OFFERED FOR SALE WITH NO ONGOING CHAIN.

### Sales



**Station Street £122,000**

TOWN CENTRE LOCATION. This bay fronted terraced property briefly comprises of hallway, living room, dining room, kitchen three bedrooms and a family bathroom. Benefiting from double glazing and gas central heating running from a recently fitted combination boiler. Situated close to all local amenities including the train station offering easy access into Cardiff city centre. Offered for sale with no ongoing chain.

### Sales



**Port Road East £185,000**

\*SPECTACULAR VALE VIEWS\* Two bedroomed semi detached bungalow. Inner porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, shower room. To the front is a mature garden which is mainly laid to lawn and to the rear is a landscaped garden with mature shrubs and open views over farmland. Viewings are highly recommended. Offered for sale with no ongoing chain.

### Sales



**Kent Green £125,000**

\*TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED\* lounge, kitchen dining room, utility, cloakroom, two bedrooms and an upstairs bathroom. Enclosed rear garden, off road parking. Ideal for first time buyers and investors alike. Situated on the local bus route. Viewings are highly recommended.

### Sales



**Dock View Road £185,000**

\*Substantial five bedroomed dwelling\* Situated close to the town centre. Hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, shower room, five bedrooms and a family bathroom. Enclosed rear garden and a single detached garage. Views across the Bristol channel from front and side elevations. Offered for sale with no ongoing chain. Viewings highly recommended to fully appreciate the size.

### Sales



**Maple Close £80,000**

"GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT" Open planned lounge/kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. Benefiting from double glazing, gas central heating and use of the communal garden. Situated on the local bus route offering easy access to Barry town centre and into Cardiff. Ideal for first time buyers and investors alike a rentable figure is achievable in the region of £550 per calendar month. NO CHAIN.

### Sales



**St Marys Avenue £120,000**

TOWN CENTRE LOCATION This bay fronted mid terraced property briefly comprising of inner porch, hallway, lounge/dining room, kitchen, rear lobby, downstairs bathroom and three bedrooms. Benefiting from double glazing, gas central heating and an enclosed garden which has a raised decked area. Situated close to all local amenities including, shops, schools, and local bus and train services offering easy access into Cardiff city centre.

### Sales



**Eastbourne Court £115,000**

Mid link Dorma bungalow offering front & rear garden and off road parking facilities. Three bedrooms. Lounge. Separate dining room. Fitted kitchen. Family bathroom. Separate w.c. Double glazed. Gas central heating. No chain

### Sales



**Cross Street £114,950**

Close to town centre. Well presented mid terraced property with low maintenance garden to rear. Lounge/dining room. Fitted kitchen. Two bedrooms and family bathroom to the first floor. Gas central heating. Double glazing. This Property is ready for Occupation approx April 16.

### Sales



**Morgan Street £115,000**

\*\*\* WELL PRESENTED \*\*\* this two bedroomed flush fronted terraced property is situated close to the town centre and all local amenities. The property briefly comprises an open plan lounge/dining room with newly fitted carpet, recently fitted kitchen, cloakroom/utility room and upstairs bathroom, two bedrooms. Enclosed rear garden. Offered for sale with no ongoing chain.

### Sales



**Walker Road £125,000**

"BRISTOL CHANNEL VIEWS" Hallway, lounge, kitchen and conservatory to the ground floor, two bedrooms and family bathroom to upper floor. Double glazing gas central heating, gardens to both front and rear which are both mainly laid to lawn, the rear has mature shrubs, a raised decked patio area with Channel views, barbeque seating area, garden shed to remain. Well presented. NO ONGOING CHAIN.

### Sales



**Jenner Court £115,000**

\*\*\* CUL DE SAC POSITION \*\*\* this semi detached property briefly comprises of hallway, cloakroom, lounge/dining room, kitchen, landing two bedrooms and a family bathroom. Benefiting from double glazing, gas central heating an enclosed rear garden and off road parking to the front. OFFERED FOR SALE WITH NO ONGOING CHAIN.

### Sales



**Old Mill Road £160,000**

\*\*\*SHOWHOME PRESENTATION\*\*\* This three bedroomed traditionally built double bay fronted property is situated in close walking distance to Gadoxton train station. It is close to local amenities including shops, school and the recently refurbished Victoria park. Close links to the M4 corridor. Viewing is highly recommended to fully appreciate.

### Sales



**Buttle Court £95,000**

This first floor apartment is set behind Gladstone road on Williams Crescent close to the town centre and all it has to offer, the property briefly comprises of a communal hallway with an intercom entry system, hallway, lounge/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, three bedrooms, bathroom and W.C.

### Sales



**Maes Y Cwm Street £139,950**

Situated in close proximity to the town centre. Three bedroom end of terrace property. Lounge/dining room. Kitchen breakfast room. Gas central heating. Double glazing.

### Sales



**Heol Corswigen £175,000**

\*\*\* PENCOEDTRE VILLAGE \*\*\* Situated on a larger than average corner plot in a cul-de-sac position sits this semi detached property. The property briefly comprises of hallway, cloakroom, lounge, open planned kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms and a family bathroom.

### Sales



**Westbury Close £95,000**

Three bedroom mid terraced property situated in a cul de sac position. Dining room, Lounge. Fitted kitchen. First floor bathroom. Double glazed. Gas central heating. Enclosed rear garden. No chain.

### Sales



**David Davies House, Wyndham Street £60,000**

70% share of this first floor apartment situated in the town centre. Communal hallway with an intercom entry system, hallway, lounge, kitchen, one bedroom and a shower room. The building has a communal laundry room, and a lift also a room that is available for rental on a daily basis for family staying over. Available for people aged 55 or above. No chain.

### Sales



**Morlais Street £117,000**

\*SHOWHOME PRESENTATION\* This flush fronted mid terraced property has been refurbished to a very high standard. The property briefly comprises of hallway, an open plan lounge/dining room, kitchen, utility area, two double bedrooms and a family bathroom. Viewing advised.

### Sales



**Merthyr Dyfan Road £100,000**

This semi detached property is situated in the Colket area of Barry close to some local amenities. The property briefly comprises of Hallway, Lounge, dining room, kitchen, rear lobby with storage cupboard and separate W.c, two double sized bedrooms and a family bathroom. Benefiting from double glazing and gas central heating, off road parking and an enclosed rear garden. Vacant Possession.

### Sales



**Solva Close £125,000**

\* WELL PRESENTED \* Semi-detached property. Porch, lounge, dining room, kitchen, landing, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. Benefiting from gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed rear garden and driveway to the front. Being placed in a cul de sac position on a larger than average plot. VIEWINGS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO FULLY APPRECIATE.

### Sales



**Lydstep Road £124,000**

Three bedroomed semi detached property. Porch, lounge/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. Benefiting from double glazing, gas central heating an enclosed rear garden and a single sized garage with utility area to the rear. Book a viewing as soon as possible so as not to miss out. No chain.

### Sales



**Porthkerry Road £135,000**

Three storey end of terraced property close to amenities. Dining room. Fitted kitchen & family bathroom to basement. Lounge and bedroom to ground floor. Two further bedrooms to first floor. Enclosed rear garden with lane access. Well presented.

### Sales



**Porthkerry Road £160,000**

\* WEST END LOCATION \* Bay fronted property with hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, three bedrooms and an upstairs shower room. Situated close to the local High street and all local amenities including schools and local train station offering easy access into Cardiff City Centre. Well presented throughout and a viewing is highly recommended. No chain.



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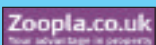
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• ER=C  
£189,950



**PORT ROAD EAST, BARRY**  
• THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED  
• LIVING ROOM/DINING ROOM  
• W.C. CLOAKROOM  
• KITCHEN  
• LOUNGE  
• THREE BEDROOMS  
• FAM. BATHROOM  
• FOURTH BEDROOM  
• IN NEED OF SOME MODERNISATION  
• ER=D  
£222,500



**MAES-Y-CWM STREET, BARRY**  
• TRADITIONAL END OF TERRACE  
• THROUGH LIVING/DINING ROOM  
• KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM  
• THREE BEDROOMS & FAM. BATHROOM  
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
• SIDE ACCESS  
• NO CHAIN  
• ER = E  
£139,950



**GREENACRES, BARRY**  
• THREE BEDROOMS  
• END OF LINK MODERN  
• LIVING ROOM  
• CONSERVATORY  
• OPEN PLAN KITCHEN  
• NO CHAIN  
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• ER = D  
£120,000



**GUTHRIE STREET, BARRY**  
• STUNNING PRESENTATION  
• MID TERRACE TRADITIONAL  
• TWO SEPARATE REC ROOMS  
• MODERN FITTED KITCHEN  
• TWO BEDROOMS  
• FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM  
• GARAGE - LANE ACCESS  
• REFURBISHED THROUGHOUT  
• ER=D  
£121,950



**MERTHYR DYFAN ROAD, BARRY**  
• SEMI DETACHED  
• WELL PRESENTED  
• LIVING/DINING ROOM  
• MODERN FITTED  
• KITCHEN/BREAKFAST  
• TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS  
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
• SIDE ACCESS - NO CHAIN  
• ER = D  
£124,000



**DOBBINS ROAD, BARRY**  
• TRADITIONAL MID TERRACE  
• WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT  
• THROUGH LIVING/DINING ROOM  
• MODERN GRND FLR. BATHROOM  
• THREE BEDROOMS  
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
• VIEWING ESSENTIAL  
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£124,950



**PORTHKERRY ROAD, BARRY**  
• THREE STOREY  
• END OF TERRACE  
• GRD FLR. LIVING ROOM, SITTING  
• ROOM OR BEDROOM  
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• NO CHAIN  
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**WOODLANDS ROAD, BARRY**  
• WELL PRESENTED  
• BAY FRONTED  
• 2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
• 4 DOUBLE BEDROOMS  
• ATTIC BEDROOM WITH ENSUITE  
• ORIGINAL FEATURES  
• TOWN CENTRE LOCATION  
• LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN  
• ER=D  
£174,950



**MERTHYR STREET, BARRY**  
• WELL PRESENTED  
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM  
• FITTED KITCHEN  
• TWO BEDROOMS  
• SPACIOUS BATHROOM WITH JACUZZI BATH  
• REFURBISHED THROUGHOUT  
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN-LANE ACCESS  
• NO CHAIN  
• EPC = D  
£112,000



**BELL STREET, BARRY**  
• MID TERRACE TRADITIONAL  
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM  
• FITTED KITCHEN  
• GROUND FLOOR BATHROOM  
• THREE BEDROOMS  
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
• LANE ACCESS  
• NO CHAIN  
• ER=D  
£119,950



**HARDY CLOSE, BARRY**  
• MODERN DETACHED  
• TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS  
• LIVING/DINING ROOM  
• FITTED KITCHEN  
• LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN  
• GARAGE  
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• NO CHAIN  
• ER=E  
£87,500



**GLADSTONE ROAD, BARRY**  
• BAY FRONTED  
• SEMI DETACHED  
• ORIGINAL BLOCK FLOORING  
• LIVING ROOM  
• KITCHEN/DINER  
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
• OFF RD PARKING TO REAR  
• ER = D  
£154,950



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• MODERN SEMI DETACHED  
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM  
• KITCHEN OVERLOOKING FRONT  
• SEA VIEWS  
• LIVING ROOM  
• TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS  
• AMPLE PARKING  
• LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN  
• NO CHAIN  
• ER=C  
£129,950



**CARMARTHEN CLOSE, BARRY**  
• DETACHED BUNGALOW  
• TWO BEDROOMS  
• LIVING ROOM  
• 2015 FITTED KITCHEN  
• RE-DECORATED THROUGHOUT  
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
• GARAGE  
• ER = D  
£152,500



**CORA STREET, BARRY**  
• MID TERRACE TRADITIONAL  
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM  
• GROUND FLR. BATHROOM  
• TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS  
• BOX ROOM  
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
• EPC=E  
£107,500



**SPRING STREET, BARRY**  
• WELL PRESENTED  
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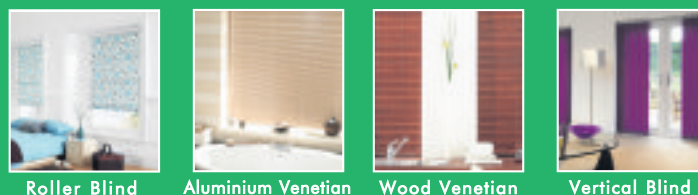
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Alan will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Wednesday, 21 October. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Barry at 12 noon, afterwards Cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 1pm. Family flowers only if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Critical Care Unit UHW Cardiff.

## SCOTT

## Frank

Celia and family would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral of a wonderful man, also for the flowers, cards and telephone calls.

## JENKINS

## Graham Lewis

Audrey, Katherine, Caroline and family would like to convey their thanks for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to them following Graham's death on the 27th September 2015.

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## THOMAS

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With great sadness the family announce the death of Andy. Much loved husband of Jackie, father to Erica and Louise, 'fav unc' to Cath and brother to Jane. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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## SINGLETON

## Kerry

Peacefully on October 2nd at home, surrounded by his loving family, Kerry aged 64 years. Devoted husband to Ali and cherished dad to Charlotte. Also loving father of Dawn.

He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Kerry is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until his service at their Windsor Road Chapel (opposite Mount Sorrel Hotel), Barry on Tuesday, October 20 at 1.45pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family floral tributes only, donations may be made at the service or via Kerry's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk to support the work of Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth. Further enquires to Lyndsay Ellis 01446 407962.

## STUART

## Henry (Harry)

Peacefully on October 5th. Dearly loved husband of Kate, wonderful father and grandfather.

Funeral service on Tuesday, October 20th at St Cadoc's RC Church, Cowbridge at 1pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.45pm.

Family flowers only, but donations to Marie Curie.

## TURNER

## Dorothy Margaret

Doreen, beloved wife of the late Jeffrey Turner, formerly of Rhose Road, Rhose, peacefully passed away on Sunday, October 4 at College Fields Nursing Home, Barry. Sister-in-law of Eira, loving mother of Lynne and Richard, Robert and Eve, much loved grandmother of Alex, Samantha, Charlotte, Louise and families. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Son, Ffônnon. Funeral Thursday, October 22, Cremation at 1pm Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, followed by a service at 2pm at St Peter's Church, Rhose. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to The Stroke Association c/o J James, 11 Ffônnon Road, Rhose, CF62 3DZ.

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# Barry RFC vets entertain Argentinian team

**RIGHT:**  
The Barry RFC  
vets and the  
Champagnat  
line up.

ON Thursday, September 24, Barry RFC vets answered an SOS from Argentinian vets touring side Champagnat (of Buenos Aires) and entertained them in a hastily arranged fixture.

Our guests had requested a touch fixture due to the average age of their team, and an experienced team assembled at the Reservoir Field pitch and the match kicked off.

The pace of the game was frantic and both sides entered into the spirit of the touch game. It was clear that Prosser, Gibbon and Scott had played together before with their excellent link up play and offloads.

They were admirably assisted by the returning Pugh, debutant Nation and Grieg.

The forwards also showed excellent slight of hand from Lees Turnbull, David and Jones, Barrie Dyer and Evans. Special thanks to Chris Evans who travelled down specially from Liverpool to don the green and white shirt again.

The hosts were bolstered by the slightly late appearance of MacArthur, and he played well - as did all the Vets.

The tourists struck first and the game was levelled by a sniping try after excellent link up play. The hosts found themselves behind again, but again levelled after numerous infringements from the tourists.

The hosts were kept on their toes by a very nimble teenager, Martine, and a couple of younger tourists.

The game ended appropriately in a 2-2 draw and both sides retired for showers, a buffet, singing and numerous beverages.

Both teams then enjoyed the New Zealand-Namibia game, and rugby was the winner on the night as



new friendships were made and the Barry RFC vets, and the club, have been invited out to Buenos Aires in the future for a return fixture - an offer we will undoubtedly take up.

Team: Frank Greig, Gerwyn Pugh, Darran Gibbon, Lee Jones, Richard Rendell, Paul MacArthur, Andrew Prosser, Rhidian Scott, Chris Evans, Lee Turnbull, Barrie Dyer, Lee David, Jon Nation and Andy Moffat.

Special thanks to the referee Peter Griffiths, Carol Jones for organising the buffet and Barry RFC for their support.

Cymru am Byth and good luck to Marcos Videla and our new friends Champagnat!

AM

## MP in call for Barry Roller Skate Club

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, has visited the popular Glamorgan Artistic Roller Skating Club to meet the members who competed in a nationwide skating competition last weekend in Berkshire, returning home with gold, silver and bronze medals.

The 80-strong club is based in a small facility at Colcot Leisure Centre and the Vale MP called on the Vale Council to look at facilities at centre which "leaves members like goldfish in a bowl".



The Vale MP with Glamorgan Artistic Roller Skating Club

## Cottrell Park getting closer to title victory

**COTTRELL Park Golf Resort is getting closer to winning the Ping Mixed Foursomes Team Challenge.**

Last year, the club's team reached finals day and finished fourth. This year's finals were held in Rhuddlan Golf Club on October 5 and the team finished runners up, narrowly losing the final to Haverfordwest.

The team on the day were Bill Bryce and Lowri Roberts, Tony Parsons and Helen Evans, Simon Hawkins and Eleanor Lewis.



Players who also played included Adrian Harding, McGlyne, Tina Morgan in previous rounds Tony Williams, Jenny and Jo Pateman. JM

## The Brynhill golfers shine in tournament



Wayne Adams and Rhys Jones (Brynhill captain) with Chris Bailey (Whittington Heath).

IN 1993 the Mail on Sunday National Golf Club Classic competition was started for amateur golfers on a national level.

This year, 3,000 teams from all over the UK including one from Brynhill Golf Club, entered the competition.

The Brynhill team played nine knockout rounds, home and away with the last round played at Brynhill against Whittington Heath on Saturday, October 3.

The opposition travelled down from the Midlands on Friday to play a practice round on the course, courtesy of Brynhill. Five players from each team and many supporters gathered by the first tee, in readiness for the first two players to tee off.

The supporters (including Barney the dog who is always a regular at these events) stayed until the last

pairing came in to see a win for Brynhill, 3-2.

The Brynhill team under the captaincy of Wayne Adams is now off to sunny Spain courtesy of the Mail on Sunday, where they will meet another three teams - Marriot Tudor Park Golf and Country Club, Muthill Golf Club and Normanby Hall Golf Club where they will stay at the Hotel El Rompido in Andalucia.

The Brynhill team was Wayne Adams (captain), Matt Mullooly, Jamie Griffiths, Scott Warne and Richard Bond. The Whittington Heath team was Ryan Brooks, Rory Green, Chris Bailey and Gareth Moore and Chris O'Neill; their captain was Paul Clayton (non-playing on the day).

Commissarations to Whittington Heath and well done Brynhill - good luck, pob lwc and buena suerte!

JK

### THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

**The Local Government Act 2000 and The Local Authorities (Referendums) (Petitions and Directions) (Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended)**

**NOTICE** is hereby given in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 and in pursuance of The Local Authorities (Referendums) (Petitions and Directions) (Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended), that the number that is equal to 10% of the number of local government electors for the Authority's area as shown in the Register of Electors published and having effect on 5 October 2015 is 9,415.

The number published above shall have effect for the purposes of determining the validity of petitions to hold a referendum under the above Regulations presented during the petition period commencing on 4 May 2016 and ending on 4 November 2016.

**DATED 5 OCTOBER 2015**

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# Late drop-outs leave coach Rhidian with no options

IT was another tale of all hands on deck for coach Rhidian Scott and manager Ken Chow on Saturday as Barry Second XV travelled the short distance to Dinas Powys with a threadbare squad.

With seven players dropping out or failing to show up before kick-off, Barry found themselves under intense pressure right from the start with their hosts camped in the green-and-whites' 22.

Matters were not helped by wayward line-outs and a creaking scrum, which allowed Dinas to dictate play early on, and it was no surprise when they opened the scoring.

The new-look pack with debutant Cameron Quigley were struggling to cope with the better organised home pack, and needed some fine defensive work on their own line to stop Dinas from increasing their

lead.

Barry slowly got back into the game with the boot of fly-half Dylan Robertson and strong running from Garth Peake, but a lack of cutting edge meant that chances were not taken.

Instead, Dinas would score two more tries before the interval to put the game effectively to bed.

With no forward replacements on the bench, coach Scott was unable to alter his tactics for the second half and the pattern after the interval was the same as the first.

Despite some brilliant work in the loose and tight by Rhidian Mepham, Robertson and Jordan Clarke (Jordan moved briefly into the pack from full-back) the home side continued to dominate and this was reflected in the score-line.

Barry's efforts, however, were not unrewarded as they had the final say as Peake weaved a devastating trail through the Dinas defence, running from his own

half to score underneath the posts. Robertson added the extras, for a final score of 38-7 to Dinas.

The players who took the field on the day must be congratulated for their efforts, especially Jamie Leech who made the bench having travelled to Swansea to collect his kit!

One can only wonder what this squad can achieve if only players took more responsibility for their availability to make the mission of the management not an impossible one.

There are no games left for the second XV in October. They will return to action at home to Rhiwbina on November 7.

**Team:** Clarke; E Evans, Russell, Peake, Adams; Robertson, Mepham; Fortt, Leighton Jones, Elsworth; Quigley, Westall; Lee Jones (c), D Evans, McTavish. **Replacements:** Bailey, Leech. **Man-of-the-match:** Clarke.



## Golfers impress in regional competition

**FIVE Special Olympics Cardiff and Vale golfers travelled to Bromsgrove Golf Club for the West Midlands regional golf competition which took place on October 5.**

The team consisted of Adrian Abbott (Llantwit Major), Mark Eveleigh, Gareth Lloyd and James Savory (Barry), and Mathew Sims (Cardiff).

Mathew took part in the 18 hole, being the overall winner with a score of 96; next was the nine hole division one which seen Mark just missing out on the medals with a score of 63. James took the gold medal in this

division with a 61.

Last to tee off was Adrian Abbott and Gareth Lloyd in nine hole division two - Gareth came away with the gold medal with 74, Adrian followed closely behind with a total of 87.

This was even more of a special result as the four golfers from the Vale have only been playing for 18 months.

We would like to thank St Andrews Major Golf Club, Barry, for allowing us the meet and play twice a week at the course, plus golf professional John Hastings for doing a great job coaching the team.

Anyone interested in joining or volunteering with the group please contact Jeff Savory on 0780 316 5581. JS

## Tony is the super senior

**COWBRIDGE resident Tony John once again proved that age is no barrier when scoring a remarkable 44 Stableford points to win the Super Seniors Golf competition at Cottrell Park recently.**

Having to be aged 70 or over to qualify, 31 competitors teed off, all hoping to top the leaderboard at the end of the day's play.

Scoring 23 points on the front nine, followed with 21 on the back nine,

gave Tony a seven-point winning margin over runner-up Ian Ross, who scored 37.

Charles Vicary finished third with 36 points and Ron Chamberlain finished fourth with 35 points.

Mike Quick hit furthest down the 18th fairway to win the longest drive prize and John Lloyd, Trevor Wooding, seniors captain Bill Aspinall and overall winner Tony John were the nearest to the pin on the par three holes. TMC

## Cowbridge Reds are in fine form

**COWBRIDGE Town under-12 Reds travelled to King George V Playing Fields in Llandough under a grey sky to face Inter Penarth in their latest league fixture.**

After a scrappy first five minutes, an early change to the Reds' formation led, almost immediately, to the first goal of the day as defender turned midfielder, Edward Thomas threaded the ball through to Ruben Davies whose shot trickled over the goal line as the Penarth goalkeeper looked on in anguish.

Moments later Akka Guwy got his name on the score sheet, driving a powerful shot into the bottom corner after the ball was cleverly laid back to him. The Reds then started to adapt to the large pitch by using its full width and the third goal soon came from their prolific striker Ruben.

Penarth's response was to attack and, with too many uncommitted tackles from the Reds, they were able to get away a shot at goal which was saved by Aron Kempson. The Reds responded and scored again from the boot of Craig Tapsfield, with the final goal of the half coming from Ruben who lobbed the goalkeeper from the edge of the box to make the score 5-0 to the Reds.

The second half started with Penarth on the attack but their shots were well saved by replacement goalkeeper Tom McCarthy, whose good distribution enabled the Reds to play the ball out comfortably from defence. This led to a number of skilful passing moves down the right flank which, in turn, led to Craig claiming his second goal, quickly followed by his third.

After a period of play where the ball seemed to get stuck in one corner, the Reds eventually started to use the entire pitch and

further productive attacks down the right led to Jac Roberts' first goal of the season from a left foot shot.

The final goal was claimed by Steffan Evans following a skilful, length of the pitch passing move which prompted the Reds manager to state "that was almost quite good".

The referee blew up for full time with the Reds winning 9-0 after a competitive encounter, played in good spirits.

**Match day squad:** Finlay Ball, Ben Cooke, Ruben Davies, Steffan Evans, Akka Guwy, Rhys Hardman, Will Harries, Aron Kempson, Tom McCarthy, Toby Mallett, Benji Mulcahy, Ifor Rees, Jac Roberts, Craig Tapsfield, Edward Thomas, Harry Treharne.

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# Porthcawl RFC race to top of league

**PORThCAWL 29 TONMAWR 5**  
**PORThCAWL** went top of the division with a comfortable win over Tonmawr in a match which could have yielded many more points for the home side, were it not for a combination of bounce of the ball and wasted chances.

The home pack got a grip of the match from the outset as a solid scrum and outstanding forward cohesion saw Porthcawl take a deserved lead when Mattie Davies, a major presence at No 8, grabbed a pushover try as the Tonmawr scrum creaked. The returned Nathan Townley, turning out at scrum-half, added the conversion and 7-0.

To their credit, Tonmawr showed a determined edge and when lax Porthcawl defence presented the opportunity, lock Al Lester grabbed an unconverted try.

With Porthcawl's front row of Dai Saines, Jack Williams and Tim Lunn providing the beef, backed up by Lloyd Long and Nick Nutman at lock, it was the outstanding flanker James Burge-Davies, who grabbed a deserved try to stretch the lead to 12-5.

Strangely, despite the possession enjoyed by the home side, they could not turn the pressure into points and at the break, Tonmawr were still in touch, with no further score in the half.

Nathan Townley's early second half penalty made it 15-5, as Leon McNally came off the bench to replace Burge-Davies.

With flanker Jobe Owens proving to be a huge thorn in Tonmawr's side with another huge display, always breaking the first tackle, the Seaweeds had almost total control of the match, with the visitors finding the going increasingly tough.

The loss of Lloyd Long for 10 minutes for a yellow card didn't seem to clip the Seaweeds' wings and the next score soon followed.

Centre Jacob Thomas, welcomed back to the side after some time on the sideline, showed flashes of his usual thrust and got into his stride to break through and provide fly-half Jordan Skidmore with the scoring pass. He scampered untouched for a super try, improved by Townley and at 22-5 there was no way back for Tonmawr.

With the match drawing to a close, it was Skidmore once more, securing the bonus point try from a tapped penalty, as prolonged pressure by Porthcawl on the Tonmawr line paid dividends.

Townley's conversion made it 29-5 at the close of an entertaining match and a useful two week break should benefit the squad prior to the visit to Cwmgrach on October 24.

Other results: Swansea Uplands 0, Youth 26; Porthcawl under-13s 19, Kenfig Hill 17.

Under-7s: Kenfig Hill 6, Porthcawl 17.

Under-8s: Kenfig Hill 14, Porthcawl 11.

Under-9s: Kenfig Hill 12, Porthcawl 8.

# Club is looking for more young hockey players

**HOCKEY** Wales has launched its national #Hocktober campaign aimed at promoting participation and inclusion in the sport.

Running throughout October, #Hocktober will showcase the very best of what hockey in Wales has to offer.

Hockey Wales has worked with international athletes, clubs and key stakeholders to promote partnerships, run competitions, announce new initiatives and produce social media campaigns to celebrate all hockey in Wales has to offer, as well as reach new audiences.

The month will culminate with the annual Hockey Wales Awards on Saturday, October 24, which

recognises the member's own 'Hockey Heroes' as voted by them, at a black tie event held at the Vale Resort.

Keep up with #Hocktober on Hockey Wales' Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, or visit the website at www.hockeywales.org.uk.

For more information on the Hockey Wales Awards, or details of who has been nominated, please visit www.hockeywalesaward.org.uk.

Cowbridge juniors now boasts over 55 members from six to 14-year-olds, but we are short on boys to make a team to enter the south Wales league.

The club welcome boys and girls, and train Tuesday indoors between 5pm-6pm for under-10s and 6pm-7pm for 11-14-year-olds.

# INTERCEPTION TRY DEFLATES PENCOED

**PENCOED** and **Kenfig Hill** shared eight tries in this Division One West Central match at Croft Goch.

The home side opened the scoring in the first minute, centre Lloyd Giles slotting a comfortable penalty goal, and the Mules soon increased their lead through wing Kristian Stenner who, coming off the blindside wing position, split the Pencoed midfield to score from 50 metres, Giles adding the extras.

The Pencoed response was immediate, centre Rhys Thomas making the initial break before feeding co-centre Lloyd Bargery, who put supporting full back Adam Williams over half way out, Williams adding the conversion.

Pencoed then took the lead when a half break from outside half Marc Davies triggered off a 60-metre counter attack with back row forward Rhys Pope making good ground before off-loading to supporting second row forward Ricky Somers, who crossed wide out.

Kenfig Hill then regained the lead with a try from left wing Ben Clarke before a key moment in the match probably decided this evenly-fought affair.

With Pencoed pressing the home line, they conceded a killer interception to outside half Luke

Griffiths, who ran the length of the field to score under the posts, and with Giles converting the Mules led 22-12 at the interval.

Giles added a penalty goal early in the second half to increase the home lead before Pencoed returned to the attack and after good driving play from Rhys Bargery and Paul McFarlane, youth captain Liam Parrish (on his first XV debut) drove over.

Kenfig Hill were next on the scoreboard, securing a try bonus point through full back Tom Davies to lead 30-17. To their credit, and for the second match in succession, Pencoed earned a late try bonus point from replacement Jac Pictou, who showed good awareness to score in the corner for a final match scoreline of 30 points to 22.

The positives for Pencoed in defeat were the performances of young prop forwards Brandon Nelson and Liam Parrish, who looked relatively comfortable at this level, and the return from injury of Rhys Bargery, who was prominent after coming off the replacements bench.

Pencoed will now turn their attentions to the Swalec Plate, where they will hope to capitalise on their home draw against Cwmgrach, when it is anticipated a couple of key players could return.

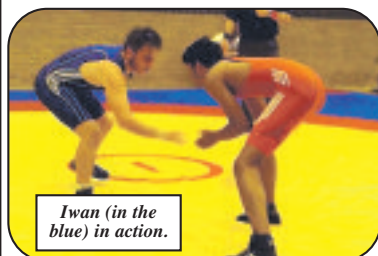
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# 'Keeper Lili stars for the Llantwit Major under-8s



**LLANTWIT Major under-8s** travelled to a blustery Sully on Saturday for another round of matches with Sully, Rhose, Cogan, Inter Penarth and Peterston.

# Iwan claims silver medal



Iwan (in the blue) in action.

**IWAN Baker, from Rhose, a pupil at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg** claimed a silver medal at the recent British Open Junior Wrestling Championships.

The tournament, held in Welshpool, attracted competitors from as far a field as Sweden, Malta and Turkey, as well as teams from all the home countries and the Republic of Ireland.

Iwan, competing in the under 66kg class, suffered a set back in his first bout losing on points to a very strong GB team member.

However he and his coach Alan Jones were heartened by his performance and knew

that maintaining that form would see him in good stead for the rest of the tournament.

This turned out to be the case as he controlled his other opponents, winning the remainder of his bouts to clinch the silver medal.

Although it was disappointing not to emerge with any British Championships, it was a record breaking day for the Welsh team with a total of three silver and four bronze medals, justifying the hard work put in by both coaches and athletes.

Iwan will now join up with the senior Welsh team for a training camp prior to the Toulouse International Tournament in early November.

AJ

# Llantwit outclass the league leaders

**LLANTWIT MAJOR** won their first Welsh League Division Three match of the season with an emphatic victory over League leaders Caerau FC at Windmill Lane on Saturday, October 10.

Against a stiff breeze, Llantwit came at Caerau from the very first whistle, creating many chances which went begging. Lewis Jones hit the woodwork and Rob Jones, Leroy Jones, Nathan Jones and Danny James all went close.

On the half hour, the bad luck in front of goal was broken and Danny James unleashed a superb volley from 22 yards out to open Llantwit's account.

Llantwit continued to dominate. They were first to all loose balls and relentless in pressing a surprisingly mediocre Caerau side.

However, against the run of play, Caerau were level after 42 minutes when Kris Smith allowed the Caerau No 11 to turn him in the box. The minimal contact applied was enough for

the ref to award a penalty, which was despatched confidently.

The break saw no change to the pattern of the game as Llantwit came out firing on all cylinders again.

Chances were created again and again, as the Caerau 'keeper led a charmed life. The lead went back to Llantwit when Kris Smith atoned for his earlier misdeed by rifling a close range shot which hit a Caerau defender's arm. The resultant spot kick was smashed in by Glyn Davies.

Substitute Luke Cox had a perfectly legitimate goal ruled out for offside and 'keeper Jack Lansdown was only called in to action once, when a speculative long range effort from the Caerau skipper was well saved low to his left.

Jon Fletcher was cool, calm and collective in an unaccustomed defensive position, while Caerau had no answer to the creativity and movement of those playing in front of him.

On this evidence, any neutral would have to say those in yellow were top of the league and those in red second from bottom.

DJ

# Llantwit's under-13s outlast Llandaff North

**LAST Sunday, Llantwit Major RFC under-13s** played Llandaff North at home.

After a 27-26 win against Pencoed the previous Sunday, Llantwit were hoping for an easier game but Llandaff hadn't come to give an easy ride. Straight from the start, the Llandaff forwards started to dominate the breakdown areas, shoving the Llantwit pack around the pitch.

It was from a ruck when Llantwit were on the back foot that the ball was secured by Stephen William, Llantwit's scrum half. He then fed his waiting back line where Ewan Heywood, Llantwit's outside centre, injected some pace into the game and secured his first try of the day. The conversion was taken and completed by Kieran Daw.

From the kick-off, Llandaff recycled and continued to attack. Slowly, Llantwit started to regroup and to stretch the Llandaff team from one side of the pitch to the other. After a good spell by the Llantwit forwards, the ball was moved through the backs out to wing Cole Saunders, who jinxed his way through the defence to secure Llantwit's second try.

This seemed to kick start Llandaff. They came back strongly with good controlled rucking and mauling. Llantwit were giving away too many penalties and from one of these Llandaff capitalised and scored their first try. It wasn't long till Llandaff doubled their tally, again Llantwit were giving away penalties and the ball soon made its way over the Llantwit try line.

Llandaff were now on a high and could sense the game turning. Llantwit seemed to have lost their way a bit and were being dragged into a scrappy game. When Llandaff managed to

recycle the ball and again break the normally solid defence to go over for the third try, it didn't bode well.

Half time was near and Llantwit were 12-15 down. A quick pep talk during an injury break by the coaches seemed to do the trick and from the restart, Llantwit stepped up a gear and started to dominate the remainder of the half. Some great ripping and mauling by the forwards allowed the back line to open up and Kofi Jones sprinted down his wing to put Llantwit in a better looking position, 19-15 to Llantwit.

The second half saw Llantwit bring on fresh legs and from the restart they started to dominate. It didn't take long for Ewan Heywood to add to his tally and the forwards again allowed him to do this by securing good clean ball. The backs, using a drilled set piece, drew the Llandaff defence in and allowed Ewan to break through to cross the line.

From a lineout to Llantwit Major on the half way line, a catch and drive gave the back line a platform. The ball passed through the entire back line to Rian Thomas on the wing, who scored a converted try.

Next, an error by Llandaff saw skillful ripping and securing of the ball again by Llantwit's forwards to allow Ewan to finish the day off with a hat trick.

Final score: Llantwit Major 38 Llandaff North 15.

Team: Rian Thomas, Aled Leitch, Cole Saunders, Ewan Heywood, Isaac McBride, Jordan Lee Griffith, Rhys Lloyd, Jacob Pereira, Kieran Daw, Kofi Jones, Sam Deere, Sam Jenkins, Sennan Cummings-Jones, Spencer Williams, Stephen Williams, Connor Booker, Will Houghton, Joe Davies, Luke Thomas, Jacob Hunt and Joe Parry.

MD

# ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee Evan's 615-1 Chepstow double

**ON the first day of the two-day Chepstow Jumps Festival meeting, Llancarfan trainer Evan Williams landed a 615-1 double when the only two horses he saddled Tea In Transvaal and Court Minstrel, both ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, won their respective races.**

The former, a winner of her previous three races, won the £13,000 Weatherbys Hamilton Hurdle (Limited Handicap), getting home by three parts of a length from Karezak and the latter, who shared top weight of 11 stone 12 pounds, won the main race of the day, the £50,000 Totepool Silver Trophy Handicap Hurdle, by two lengths from the Philip Hobbs trained Rock The Kasbah.

Twenty-four hours later, Evan and

Paul captured the £30,000 Totepool Persian War Novices' Hurdle featuring race when Roadie Joe, a winner of his previous three races, won by a short head from Cardinal Palace.

Evan said: "His owner sent him over to me and told me to find the worst summer jumps race you can win with him, but he's just kept improving and it is fantastic. To be honest, his Irish point-to-point form was poor to put it mildly, but although he's slow, he saw it out today."

Paul said: "He's a lovely type of horse with a lovely attitude. I was most impressed with him today."

Roadie Joe started at odds of 8-1 in a field of just six runners. Pembrokehire's Peter Bowen won the ASCF Supports Bob Champion Cancer Trust Veterans' Handicap Chase with his 10-year-old Danimix.



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## GLORIOUS WALES ON WAY TO EURO 2016!



IT was one of the greatest nights in the history of Welsh football as the national team celebrated qualification for Euro 2016 in front of their delirious fans – all topped off with a 2-0 win against Andorra. How fitting it was in front of a packed Cardiff City Stadium that

Gareth Bale, the hero of the campaign, should secure the 2-0 win in the 86th minute. Wales had taken the lead early in the second half thanks to Aaron Ramsey.

As you can see, at the end, the team were able to break out the champagne and look forward to the Euro 2016 draw in December which will take them on to France.



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## WELSH GRIT NOT ENOUGH TO BREAK DOWN AUSSIE WALL

Pool top spot battle may have been lost, but the war is still there to be won, writes **Don John**

**QUOTE:** "England hold all the aces... I honestly think we have a huge chance... Australia always beat Wales – and hold no fears for them ... as Australia won't for England".

Sir Clive Woodward's confident Pool A forecast was made before England's crushing defeat by Australia (and the earlier loss to Wales) that saw the host nation ejected from the Rugby World Cup before the business end of the global tournament begins.

As events transpired, the home team did have plenty of cause to fear the men from Oz; though the former England chief may well think his assertion that "Australia always beat Wales" was vindicated by Saturday's 15-6 result at Twickenham – Australia's 11th successive win over Warren Gatland's injury-hit squad..

If so, it does scant justice to a highly-competitive effort by a much depleted Welsh team that has been racked by injuries throughout the so-called 'group of death', and showed six changes – with players again having to perform out of position against a hugely impressive Wallaby side that demolished the English challenge up front – and many view as co-favourites for the Webb Ellis trophy, alongside New Zealand.

Both teams, of course, were free of the pressure of qualification, having already made it out of Pool A and into the quarter finals, but were nevertheless keen to claim the top spot in the group and with it a relatively easier passage to the World

Cup final on October 31.

That route will now be taken by Australia, who line up against the Scots on Sunday, while Wales, whose woes continue with Liam Williams now out of the campaign with a foot injury, have a tougher assignment against South Africa on Saturday.

Mind you it could, and arguably should, have been the other way round – for head coach Gatland's reshuffled line-up, showing six changes from the win over Fiji in Cardiff the previous week, put up a powerful showing that for much of the game had the Wallabies on the rack, particularly when the latter were reduced to 13 men with two sent to the sin bin in the second half.

Despite a massive, all-out physical onslaught, Wales failed to take advantage of a priceless opportunity to put points on the board – altogether, the obdurate Oz defence held out under an unrelenting siege on three occasions when the men in red appeared to be over the line, but were unable to secure the vital touchdown.

In a try-less game that was decided by penalty kicks (two by outside half Dan Biggar, five by his opposite number, Bernard Foley), Wales created other chances but, sadly, failed to finish them off.

Gatland himself admitted: "Australia did a great job of defending. That is something we need to be critical of and look at ourselves, but we have to give them credit for a stoic defence, they put their bodies on the line."

"But we are proud of our group, too – it's just very tight margins at this

level – we got over the line three times and were held up. It was a really tight, close test match and there was not much difference between the two sides."

Few would argue with that frank assessment, for in a no-holds-barred, defence-dominated clash, Wales proved equal to the task. They can also take away a number of other positives from another courageous display, including an improved set-piece – all the more remarkable given the persistent ill luck that has deprived them of so many first choice players which has disrupted and threatened progress all through the tournament.

It may well be true, as Graham Henry recently observed, that Welsh attack play can be open to question, yielding a surprisingly low try count, given the undoubted quality of a genuinely world-class three-quarter line – but that is a discussion for another day.

For now, we can only marvel at the fact that despite all the setbacks, this heroic Wales camp have fought their way out of the "pool of hell", as Gatland has called it – and, against all the odds, are through to the quarter finals of the Rugby World Cup – no mean achievement when others far less affected have fallen by the wayside.

Who is to say that the team will not put the disappointing loss to Australia behind them, overcome the challenge of South Africa at Twickenham on Saturday (they've done it before), and proceed to the semi-finals?

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